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PRAYA SHOOTING.

TRIAL OF CONSTABLE OPENS.

DID HE EXCEED DUTY?

"It is a very unpleasant duty the Crown has to perform, that of prosecuting one of the police of the Colony for an act which he no doubt thought he was perfectly right in doing," said Mr. A. Dyer Ball, at the Criminal Sessions this morning, before Mr. Justice Wood, when the case in which a Chinese police constable is charged with the manslaughter of a man by killing him, with a revolver shot, was commenced. He added that it was necessary to take action because of the protection the law afforded to the public. Mr. Dyer Ball is prosecuting for the Crown, and Mr. F. C. Jenkin is defending.

The point at issue is whether the circumstances surrounding the shooting justified the prisoner in firing shots from his revolver at a sampan, which he suspected was engaged in an unlawful purpose. One of the shots, it is alleged, killed a man on board.

Mr. Dyer Ball explained that the dead man and his brother, who were pig dealers, arrived in a junk in the Colony on June 18th, after which the dead man, his brother, and a third man went ashore, and obtained pig wash and two wooden troughs. The former was put in four kerosene tins, which were carried by two men, one tin on each end of a bamboo pole. With the aid of two shop coolies, the stuff was taken to the Praya, where it was deposited on the edge of the wall, after which the two coolies returned to the shop.

A sampan was chartered to take the stuff to the dead man's junk, and after it had been stored on the sampan, the three men went to another boat which was tied to the Praya wall by the bows, the stern being towards the open harbour. They stepped from this boat to the sampan and pushed off with the idea of taking the stuff to feed the pigs with. During the trip out, the victim of the shooting was sitting in the stern of the sampan and the other two were under the hood.

FATAL SHOT.

The dead man's brother would say that after about a minute, they heard a shot and then two or three more, and these were followed by whistles. After the second shot, he heard his brother, in the stern, give a shout, and saw him come under the hood of the sampan. At that time he did not know that his brother had been hit, and when they arrived at their own junk he called to his brother to come and help. He did not come, however, because he was dead.

The people on the sampan apparently did not connect the shots with themselves, and when the man was found to be dead, his brother reported the matter to the police, and the body was removed to the Public Mortuary.

After emphasising that the people who were fired on appeared to be doing nothing criminal, Mr. Dyer Ball said witnesses would say that people on the Praya did not see any police officer, nor did they hear any shouts before the sampan left, and one of the shop coolies would say he did not even hear shots.

A certain Chinese sailor, employed on the boat which the men boarded before getting on the sampan, would say that he was roused by a shot and whistles. He saw a Chinese constable standing on the stern of his boat and asked what was the matter. The constable replied in Chinese "illicit goods." He also said something about the sampan being used to smuggle illicit goods and that he had fired on it.

WAS SHOOTING JUSTIFIED.

Mr. Dyer Ball said he had no doubt that the prisoner was the man who fired, and he believed that was

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TO OUST CANTON "REDS."

WU PEI-FU'S PLANS FOR FUTURE.

FENG IN CHINA.

In conversation with Reuter's correspondent at Peking on the 18th inst., a military officer, possessing the confidence of the "Allied" leaders, stated that Marshal Wu Pei-fu had not received further news regarding Marshal Feng Yuxiang's movements, but Marshal Feng is undoubtedly in Chinese territory.

The military officer stated that the "Allied" plans are at present confined to the fall of Kalgan. If the Kuomintang retreated to the north-west the "Allies" would again discuss the situation.

Marshal Wu Pei-fu is apparently determined to continue the "anti-Red" campaign until the Kuomintang organization has been broken up, but the subsequent co-operation of the "Allies" is in need of further discussion.

No anxiety is felt regarding Shensi where General Lu Chen-hua is progressing satisfactorily. His occupation of Sianfu is expected shortly.

It is asserted that Marshal Sun Chuan-fang is working in full agreement with Marshal Wu Pei-fu. The latter is concentrating on his campaign in the North and when that has been brought to a successful conclusion he will return to Hankow to superintend operations against the "Southern Reds." This is not meant merely for the subjugation of General Tang Seng-chi, but Marshal Wu will institute a campaign designed to oust the Reds from Canton. When that has been accomplished Marshal Wu will probably return to Paoingfu.

Meanwhile, Marshal Wu does not intend to be drawn into Peking politics to any great extent. Marshal Wu Pei-fu's present policy, Reuter's correspondent was informed, was to support the present Government. It was true that an invitation had been sent to Mr. Lu Tseng-hsiang, Minister to Switzerland, to return to China and assume the Premiership but Mr. Lu did not seem desirous of complying.

Pending political reconstruction, the military officer continued, Marshal Wu Pei-fu would stand by the Constitution.

General Tang Chi-yao has assured the "Allies" of his support of the campaign against the Reds.

Marshal Chi Hsieh-yuan will come to Peking when Marshal Wu Pei-fu goes South. Marshal Chi will fully control the Chihli forces during Marshal Wu's absence.

SUSPECTED THIEF.

UNAUTHORISED PERSON LIGHTLY FINED.

Indulging in a shave prior to going ashore, a passenger on the s.s. Santhia heard a noise and turning, discovered that his belt, containing \$100 in local currency, was missing. He seized the nearest person, and held him until the arrival of a Chinese detective. The detained person, a coolie, was charged at the Marine Court this morning with being on board the s.s. Santhia without permission.

A plea of guilty was entered, but the man urged that he was on board for a perfectly legitimate purpose. His statement was to the effect that he was assisting a hawk who was unable to carry on his business properly because of an injury to his leg.

The hawk was called and gave evidence to this effect. A police sergeant said that he went on board and found the defendant tied hand and foot to the railing. His nose was bleeding and his back was badly bruised.

He searched the defendant but found no money on him.

Lieut. Commr. G. F. Hole imposed a fine of \$50, or, in default, five days' imprisonment with hard labour.

IN A TYPHOON.

EXPERIENCES OF U. S. GUNBOAT.

"ASHEVILLE" IN DANGER.

The U. S. S. Asheville arrived in Shanghai on Friday last—shortly after having encountered one of the worst typhoons that it has ever been the lot of a ship of her size in these waters, and certainly an American battleship, to fight and survive, says the N. C. Daily News. A few of the freaks which typhoons are so wont to play were related by the members of the crew. Probably the greatest of these was the way in which the wind shifted, almost miraculously, just when the vessel was being literally dragged to certain destruction on to the rocks of Namki Island.

According to officers of the ship, reports sent out by various observation stations just previous to the breaking of the typhoon indicated that the centre of the storm would pass to the west of the course on which she was steaming and, should this have been correct, there would have been little need for fear that the vessel would have been driven on to the rocks of one of the various islands to the west.

It was early Sunday morning when the weather, which had been comparatively calm, began to change. The sea roughened steadily and by 8 o'clock in the morning the waves started breaking over the top of the ship. From that time on, for six hours, the ship was in danger of foundering at any moment.

The vessel was nosed into the wind but, worse than making no headway at all, she was driven astern, directly at the island which almost proved her destruction. The anchor was lowered, but still she could not hold her ground, the screw being out of the water most of the time. The second, third, fourth and fifth anchors were lowered over the bow, and all took hold on the ocean-bed, but, although checking the speed toward the cliff, they, together with the engines, could not keep her from drifting.

In the phraseology of one of the men aboard, "Neither the ship nor the life of any member of the crew was worth a plugged nickel." No one could get on deck to have lowered a life boat, and could they have done this it would have been futile for the frail lifeboat would have been dashed against the rocks, which were estimated to be about 50 feet high with waves splashing right to the tops.

Then the "miracle" came. When about 80 yards off the rocks the wind shifted, the typhoon having evidently passed on far enough to the west. Although the seas were still buffeting the ship from the ocean side the wind, coming in from the island side, was enough to hold the vessel so that she would not run on the rocks.

It was during this time that the S. O. S. signals, which were picked up by wireless stations in Shanghai, were being sent out. It will be remembered that the U. S. S. Sacramento was sent out from here, but, when a few hours out, was informed that assistance was no longer necessary.

Officers of the Asheville said yesterday that it was estimated that the velocity of the wind at its height was about 175 miles an hour and they believed that the centre of the typhoon had passed within five miles of them.

The first damage done to the ship was on the bridge and here also occurred the only casualty of the storm. When the typhoon hit the steel stanchions which held the awning, which are about two inches in diameter buckled as if they had been so many straws. This lot the awning down on the officers on the bridge.

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CANTON RECOGNITION QUESTION.

RAISED IN HOUSE OF COMMONS.

COMMUNIST'S QUERY.

In the House of Commons last month, Mr. Saklatvala (the Communist M.P.) asked the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs whether the opening of negotiations through British delegates, Messrs. Kemp and Halifax, with the Foreign Ministry of the Canton Government on the questions of anti-British trade boycott and the Hongkong-Canton Strike, is to be followed by a formal recognition of the present *de facto* Government at Canton.

Sir A. Chamberlain:—I would ask the hon. Member to refer to my reply to the hon. Member for Penistone (Mr. Bennie Smith) on July 12. The following is the reply referred to:—

"It has always been the practice of His Majesty's Consul General at Canton to correspond directly with the competent Chinese authorities in that city and it still continues. This does not imply any degree of recognition of the Local Government as other than the provincial administration of Kwangtung."

Mr. Saklatvala:—Does the right hon. gentleman see that there is a difference between that question and this one? My question refers to the departure of the British delegates and their meeting with representatives of the Foreign Ministry at Canton, which took place on July 12, after the date on which the other question was put.

Sir A. Chamberlain:—My answer applies equally to this question.

EMBEZZLEMENT CASE.

SHROFF'S SENTENCE CONFIRMED.

The hope that restitution of the monies, amounting to \$12,000, would be made to bring about an amelioration of the sentence was not fulfilled when a shroff, charged with embezzlement of various amounts belonging to the J.C.J.L., appeared again before Mr. R. E. Lindsay this morning after a week's remand.

It appears that the cousin from whom much was expected by the defendant, did not fulfill the expectation, and the defendant this morning said that in the alternative he could offer to return \$1,500 cash, the balance to take the form of a promissory note.

This offer was refused, and the Magistrate confirmed the sentence of six months' hard labour imposed at the previous hearing.

DISASTROUS FIRE.

VALUABLE LIBRARY DESTROYED.

Lyons, Aug. 22.

Fire has destroyed the Annonay Town Hall, and several adjoining buildings including the Town Hall Library. About 35,000 volumes with valuable manuscripts were destroyed. The damage is estimated at 20,000,000 francs.

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COSTLY COFFIN.

FOR LATE MRS. VANDERBILT.

Paris, Aug. 22.

A beautiful bronze coffin, lined with satin and valued at \$1,500, made in London, has been rushed to Paris from London aboard a specially chartered fourteen-seater aeroplane, for the body of the late Mrs. Vanderbilt.

The remains will go to America from Cherbourg. Reuter's American Service.

COAL DEADLOCK.

NO PROSPECT OF A SETTLEMENT.

STARVATION DENIED.

No immediate prospect of a national settlement of the coal dispute is in view, and the Prime Minister, who had remained in London for the past two days in case his services should be required in connection with the negotiations, decided later last night to carry out his original intention of spending his holiday at Aix les Bains. Accordingly, he left this morning, with Mrs. Baldwin, for the Continent. Although his health has not suffered, the Premier, who has worked under great strain for many months past, is in need of a rest. Quite apart from the present anxieties of the coal dispute, recuperation is necessary for not only is the coming Parliamentary session likely to be heavy, but the meeting of the Imperial Conference, which has been summoned for mid-October, will require his constant attention.

MORE MEN RESUME.

Interest in the coal dispute is now centred in the Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire coalfields, where yesterday there were further increases in the number of men presenting themselves for work. Reliable figures will not be available until the pits open tomorrow, but it is clear that the response to the owners' new wages offer for a seven-and-a-half-hours' day has been large.

In Mansfield yesterday there was at one time a queue, one hundred yards long, of miners waiting to sign on for work, and the offices of certain collieries were busy throughout the day accepting men. At two pits, 20 per cent. of normal strength have already been engaged, and some colliery owners anticipate that the pits in the Nottinghamshire area generally will next week be working up to 75 per cent. of normal.

THE OTHER SIDE.

While the colliery yards in this area were filled with men eager to register themselves, however, large meetings were being held in localities at which the miners who refuse to break away from the Federations' national policy attended. At these meetings, resolutions were unanimously passed calling on the miners to stop away from the pits until all returned together.

The movement for the return to work is still confined mainly to Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire, Warwickshire and Leicestershire. Areas apparently unaffected by the movement, include Lancashire, Cheshire, Durham and Northumberland.

THE STARVATION REPORTS.

Reports that the miners' families are suffering serious privation as a result of the stoppage, which were recently denied by the Prime Minister, were further dealt with by Mr. Winston Churchill in a speech at Westernham last night. He said that before leaving for that meeting, a report reached him from the Ministry of Health which stated:—"There has, up to the present, been no authenticated case of serious distress due to lack of food, although individual instances have been brought forward. Investigation in each case hitherto has proved that the facts have been incorrectly stated. Every suggestion of starvation that has reached the inspectors of the Ministry of Health has been made the subject of enquiry, and no suggestion has been found to be well grounded." There is no truth whatever, Mr. Churchill commented, in these starvation tales.

STARTLING EVENTS IN GREECE.

COUP CARRIED OUT AT NIGHT.

GEN. PANGALOS ARRESTED.

Athens, Aug. 22.

Athenians were roused from their sleep at seven o'clock in the morning by the buzz of aeroplanes dropping leaflets announcing a revolution to end the "Pangalos Tyranny" and the beginning of a new regime which will re-establish legal order and constitutional liberty and hold a legislative election within eight months.

The actual coup was carried out in the depth of the night. Officers paraded the troops of the National Republican Guard at three o'clock in the morning and announced the revolution. They marched the men from the barracks to the city and took possession of Government buildings.

The garrisons throughout the country including that at Salonika, joined the revolution.

Mr. Kondilis will form a Cabinet tomorrow with himself as Prime Minister, and re-instating Admiral Paul Countouriotis as President.

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AN ARREST AND ALARM.

Athens, Aug. 22.

General Pangalos has been arrested at Spezia and is being taken to Athens aboard a destroyer.

Later.

There is some alarm as to the whereabouts of the destroyer bringing General Pangalos to Athens. It is suspected that it may have sailed to some foreign port and, accordingly, a second destroyer with aeroplanes has been sent to find it.

The City wears the usual Sunday aspect, except that the principal buildings are guarded and armoured cars are patrolling the streets.

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ESCAPE PRACTICALLY IMPOSSIBLE.

Later.

The destroyer Pergamos, with General Pangalos aboard has been sighted near Hydra and orders have been given to bombard her if she does not surrender. Escape is practically impossible.

Admiral Countouriotis has gone to Athens.

There are no reports of disturbances and the press censorship has been abolished.

Madame Pangalos has left the country.

Later.

The destroyer Leon overtook the Pergamos. General Pangalos boarded the Leon, which has arrived at Keratsini.

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TAILSHAFT SNAPS.

TEAN LOSES A PROPELLOR.

Whilst negotiating the Hainan Straits on the way from Haiphong to Hoihow, the s.s. Tean, of the China Navigation Company fleet, lost her starboard propeller.

The accident occurred on Thursday, the tailshaft breaking followed by the terrific rattle of the vessel caused by the racing of the engines.

The steamer was brought to Hongkong on her port engine, arriving on Saturday.

The s.s. Tilawa, which left Singapore on the 21st instant, is due here on the 26th.

The tracks between the Cemeteries and the Jockey Club stands having been cleared of a deep layer of sand and rubble deposited by the recent floods, the Happy Valley trams are now enabled to resume the complete circuit service as hitherto. The wide stone nullah which drains from Wong-neichong Valley is, however, still choked up with silt, but coolies are busy at the spot.

DARING PIRACY.

PICNIC PARTY ATTACKED.

EUROPEANS ROBBED.

The sensational story of how a large party of local residents, who went for a week-end's picnicking and fishing off Lantau Island, were raided and robbed by pirates who decamped in a stolen steam launch, was told yesterday on the return to Hongkong of members of the party. Scarcely anything more daring than this attack upon Europeans peacefully fishing in the waters of the Colony has occurred in the long annals of local piracy, and the narrative of the affair makes thrilling reading. Fortunately, no one of the party suffered violence or hurt, but the experience of being held up and robbed by armed men was a terrifying one, especially for the ladies of the party.

IN THE PARTY.

At about 3.30 on Saturday afternoon, the party in two steam launches and three motor boats, left Hongkong for Tung Chung Bay, which is on the far side of Chau Lou Kok Island, off the north coast of Lantau and within sight of Castle Peak. The party was composed of the following:—

Steam-launch Ching Wo: Mr. C. A. da Rocha, Mr. R. L. da Rocha, Mr. and Mrs. H. Barnes and Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Curlyho.

Steam-launch Wing Shing: Mr. Ribeiro, Mr. Rodrigues, Mr. J. Sousa, Mr. L. A. Osmond, Mr. Samy, C. F. Vass and Mr. E. L. Barross.

Motor-boat Amy: Mr. W. B. Muskett, Assistant Engineer, Hongkong Electric Company, Mr. A. Gillard, chief traffic inspector, Hongkong Tramways, Mr. E. Mow Fung and Mr. M. Sousa.

Motor-boat Paragels: Mr. T. H. Kew, Mr. C. Kew and friends.

Motor Boat Nuff Sed: Mr. J. W. Kew, who owns the boat, accompanied by friends.

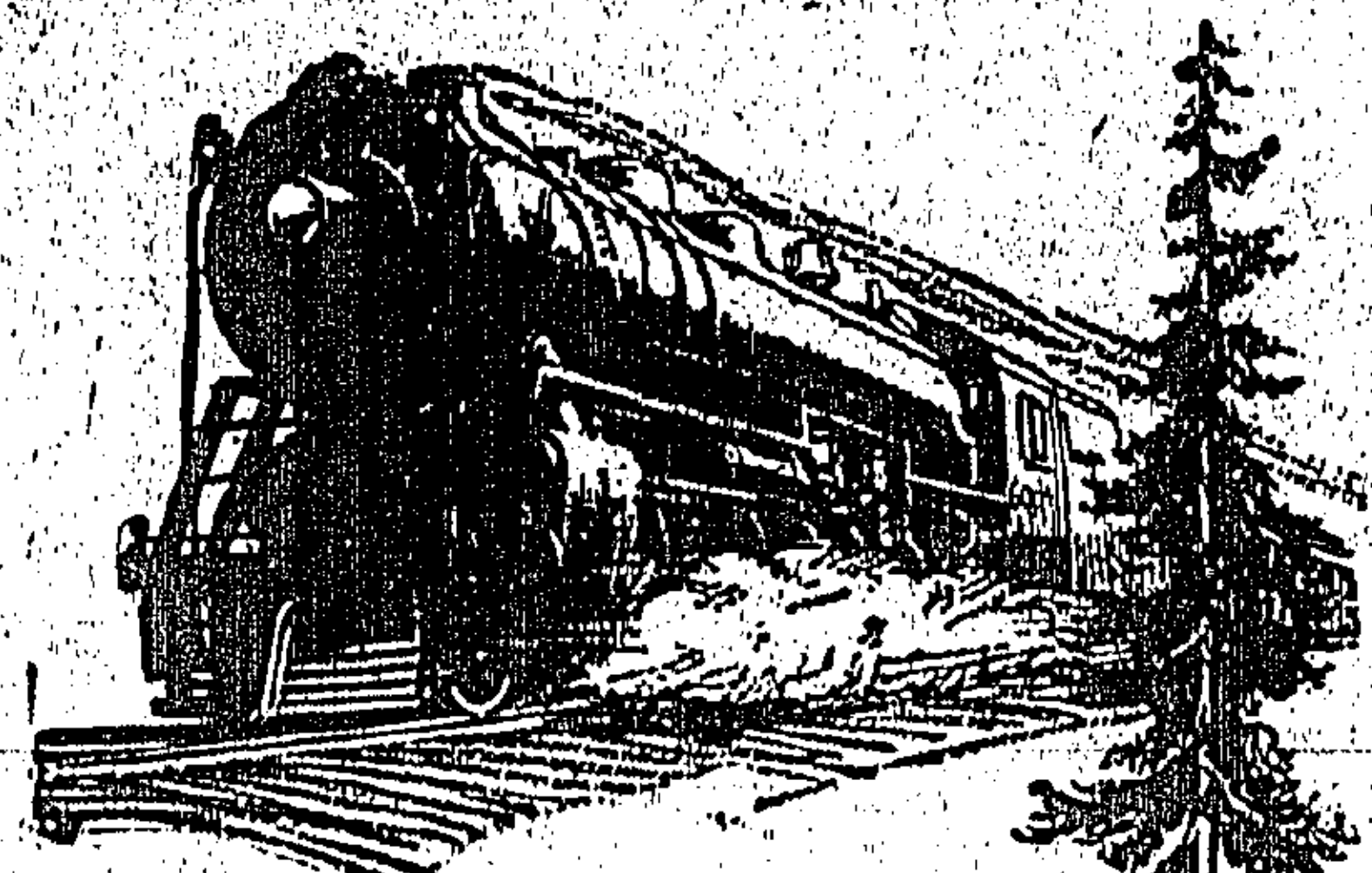
BOARDED IN ABSENCE.

The outward journey was made without incident, the party arriving at the fishing ground early in the evening. All the boats anchored fairly near together with the exception of the motor boat Nuff Sed which went on round the next point and lay out of view of the remainder. As had been arranged, there were sampans at hand on the fishing ground and the members of the party boarded them for the actual work of fishing. At about 8.30 p.m. they returned to their own boats and then discovered that they were in the hands of pirates who had boarded the vessels during their absence.

THE FIRST ATTACK.

It appears that first of all, the pirates, who were in small sampans, boarded the steam launch Wing Shing (upon which there was only the Chinese crew at the time) and, at a point of revolvers, forced the crew down below and made them keep quiet. Steam was maintained in the boilers. Some of the pirates then turned their attention to the other boats, the occupants of which had no idea of anything amiss at that time. The marauders reached the motor boat Amy some time after Mr. Muskett and his companions had got back on board. Five pirates, all armed with revolvers, surprised the party and held them up, robbing them while giving injunctions for silence. Mr. Gillard's watch, Mr. Muskett's gold ring, a pair of gold spectacles, other articles and certain parts of the engine were stolen. The pirates then left the motor boat Amy and went in sampans to the motor boat Paragels. Here another surprise attack was

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UNLUCKY LAUNCH.

PIRATE AND PICKET TROUBLES.

The launch Fee Din, which was formerly registered in Hongkong as the No. 1 of steam tugs and launches, and which has been running between Hongkong and Nantao with cargo and passengers, has had a number of misfortunes since, in consequence of the boycott, she went on the Canton-Nantao run.

Three weeks ago when she left Nantao there was 18 pirates concealed amongst the number of passengers. They did not make much trouble at first, but later one of them approached the compradore of the ship in order, it seems, to start a quarrel. The compradore got so angry that he threw him out of the room.

Pirates Rise.

Thereupon, the pirate drew his revolver, held up the compradore and called the other members of the pirate gang. The passengers all lined up on one side, covered by four pirates. The other pirates then proceeded to the bridge and forced the captain and pilot to make a course for the nearest village inside British territory.

Gunboat Appears.

However, a Chinese gunboat appeared, and went to the aid of the Fee Din, but before the gunboat got alongside the pirates all jumped overboard and attempted to swim to safety. The gunboat fired some shots after them, and it is stated that four were killed and six wounded. Serious doubt is entertained as to whether the remainder reached the shore in safety.

Held By Pickets.

This was not the end of the Fee Din's troubles. She left Canton for Nantao again and reached the latter port without any untoward happening, but upon her return voyage, when she had about 20 piculs of salt fish and 10 piculs of mangoes on board, she was encountered by strike pickets. The No. 1 picket informed the master that the cargo undoubtedly consisted of goods brought from Hongkong, and that he suspected the tug of having called at that port. The boat was therefore arrested by the strike pickets at Canton. As the fine levied on the launch is said to be \$3,000, and the pickets insisted upon being paid in Hongkong money the ill-fortuned tug is still detained at Canton.

A GREEK REVOLT.

BLOODLESS COUP SUCCEEDS.

Athens, Aug. 22.

A bloodless revolution has broken out here. General Kondilis is master of the situation, and has arrested the War Minister, Tseroulis, and ordered the arrest of Pangalos.

The insurgents have occupied the telegraph office and all the military establishments. All the army officers have placed themselves at the disposal of the government which Kondilis, who holds anti-Bolshevik views, has proclaimed will be formed on national lines under the presidency of Kondouriotis. Pangalos is at present on the island of Spezzia.

Kondilis carried out his coup with the aid of the Athens garrison. He explains that the revolution is aimed at destroying Pangalos's tyranny. The fleet and army support Kondilis.

A warship has left for Spezzia to arrest Pangalos.

Athens remains quite calm.—*Reuter.*

THE MEXICAN CRISIS.

APPEAL FOR AMENDMENT TO CONGRESS.

Mexico City, Aug. 21. Following President Calles' reply to the Archbishop's petition, the Episcopate announces that an appeal will be made to the next Congress to amend the religious clauses of the constitution. Catholic laymen will handle the campaign as the clergy are forbidden to partake in political activities.

The National Chamber of Commerce, which has been considering the economic situation, has approved a resolution advising Mexican businessmen to reduce their purchases of foreign commodities, suggesting a substantial increase in import duties, particularly on luxuries and the formation of a Government Commission to supervise the issue of foreign drafts in order to combat the sending of Mexican money abroad.—*Reuter's American Service.*

Vatican Not Surprised.

Rome, Aug. 21.

The Vatican has issued a semi-official statement regarding the Mexican situation, saying that President Calles' refusal to accept the demands of the Mexican Bishops for the suspension of the anti-catholic laws for the attainment of a fair separation arrangement between Church and State has not created surprise at the Vatican, where the refusal was foreseen.—*Reuter's American Service.*

A Deadlock.

Mexico City, Aug. 22.

For the first time in Mexican history since the period of the war of reform, sixty years ago, the President officially conferred with high Catholic dignitaries yesterday.

President Calles conferred for ninety minutes with Archbishop Ruiz and Bishop Diaz on the religious question. The proceedings were cordial, but came to a deadlock. The prelates pointed out that the Pope had forbidden the Church to recognise the principle of churches being public property, on which President Calles insists.—*Reuter's American Service.*

MACAO LAUNCH CAPTURED.

PIRATES WHO TRAVELLED AS PASSENGERS.

News is to hand from Macao that the passenger launch Man-hing, plying between Macao and Sunning district, while on her way from Lappa Island to Macao with cargo and over 100 passengers, was pirated on the 19th inst. at a place named Kolan.

The pirates, about 20 in number, had boarded the launch as passengers, and on reaching the place in question, they surprised the coxswain and the engine room staff. After getting control of the launch, the pirates began searching the passengers, who had all their belongings stolen. The pirates remained for nearly twelve hours, and took the launch to a place called Brass Drum Hill, where three junks and two launches had waited for them.

Here they removed all valuable cargo and passengers' effects, and kidnapped the various members of the crew and passengers, with the exception of three sailors.

The pirates then decamped in their own junks and launches. The Man-hing has returned to Macao and reported the piracy to the authorities.



AFRAID TO EAT.

The Plight of the Dyspeptic.

Are you one of those who are afraid to eat because of the pain and discomfort that follow every meal? If so, it is evident that your stomach has become too weak to do its work.

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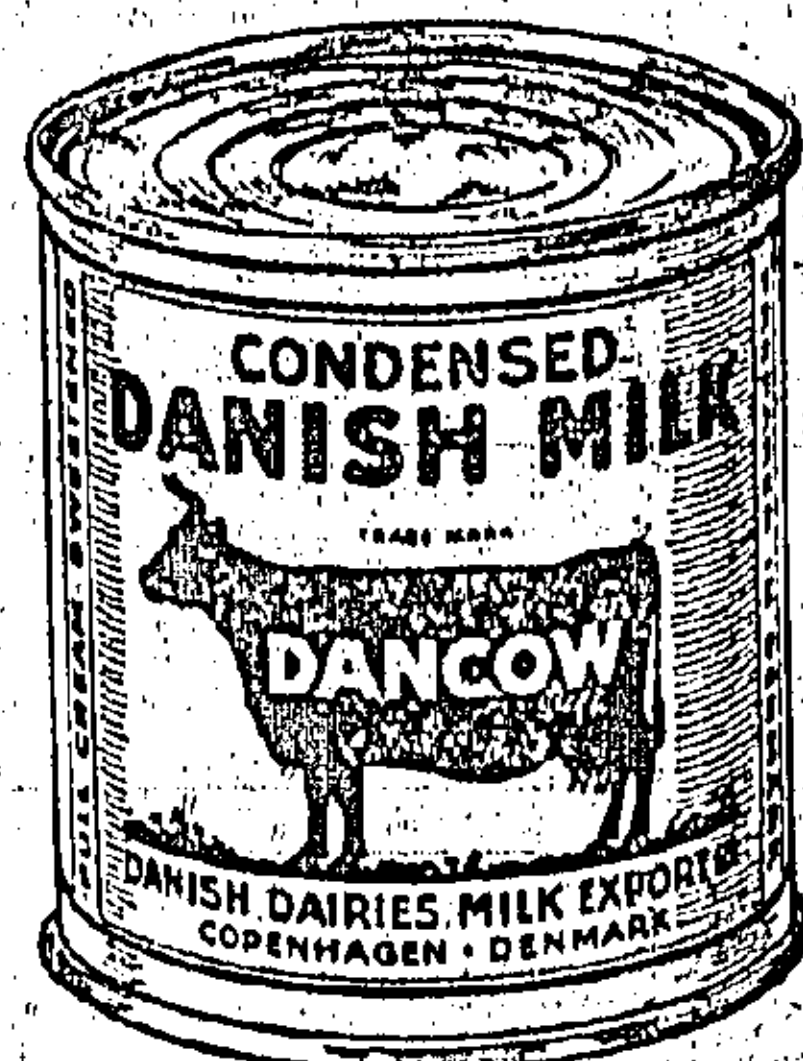
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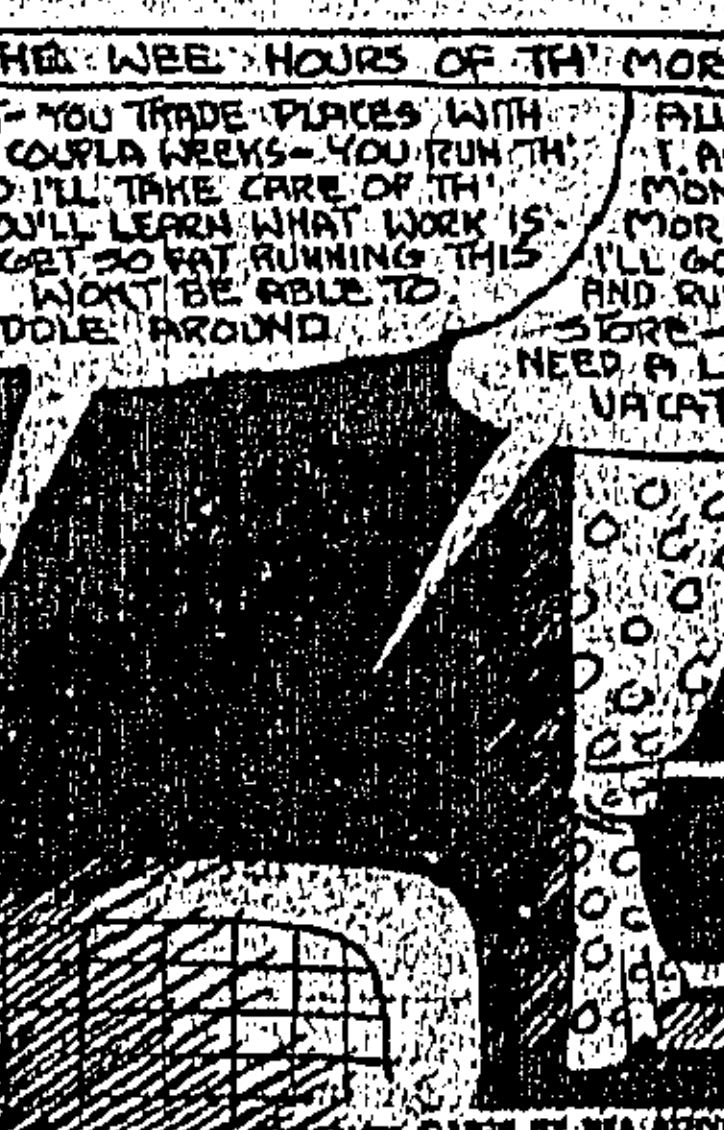
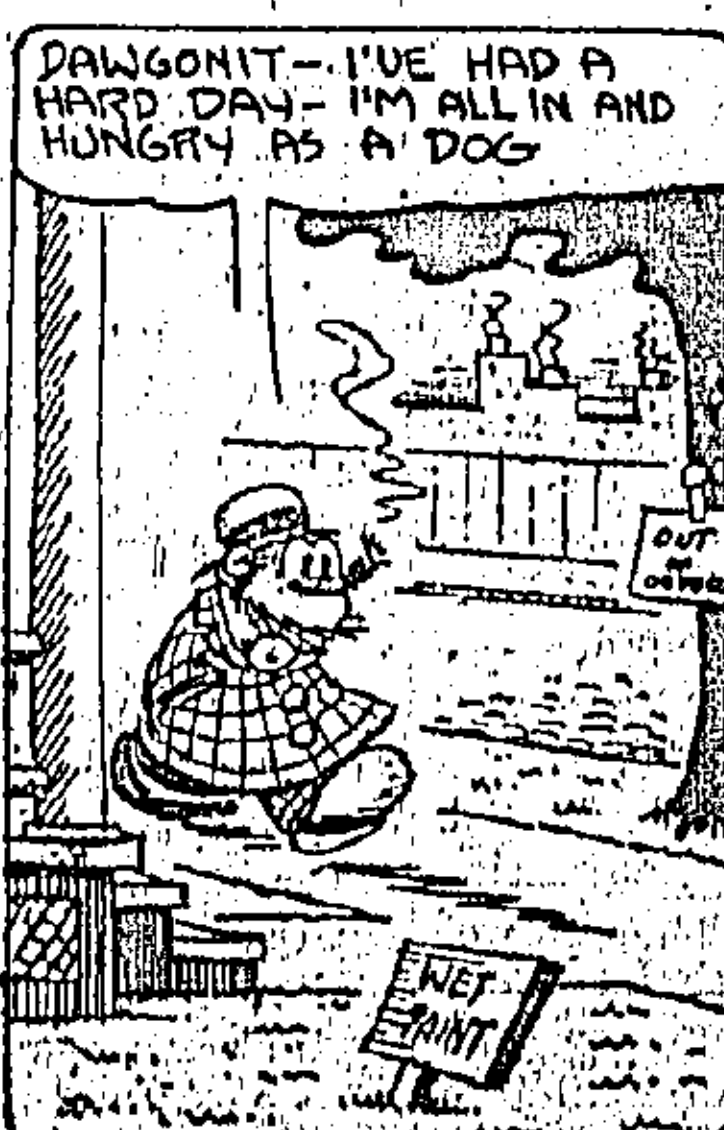
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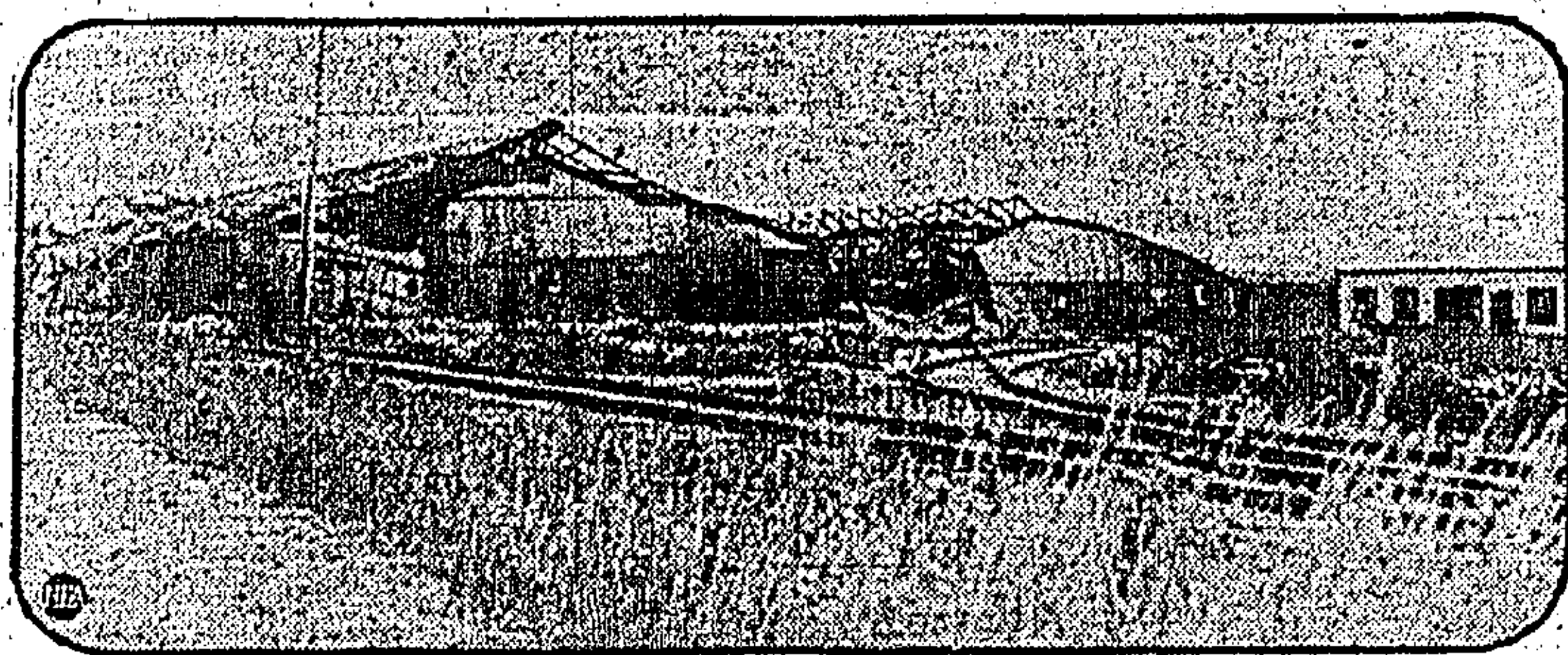
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The fate of a Mr. John R. Luxton and his family is one of the unsolved mysteries of the Lake Denmark blast. This is his home, near the scene of the explosion, but no trace of the people has been obtained.



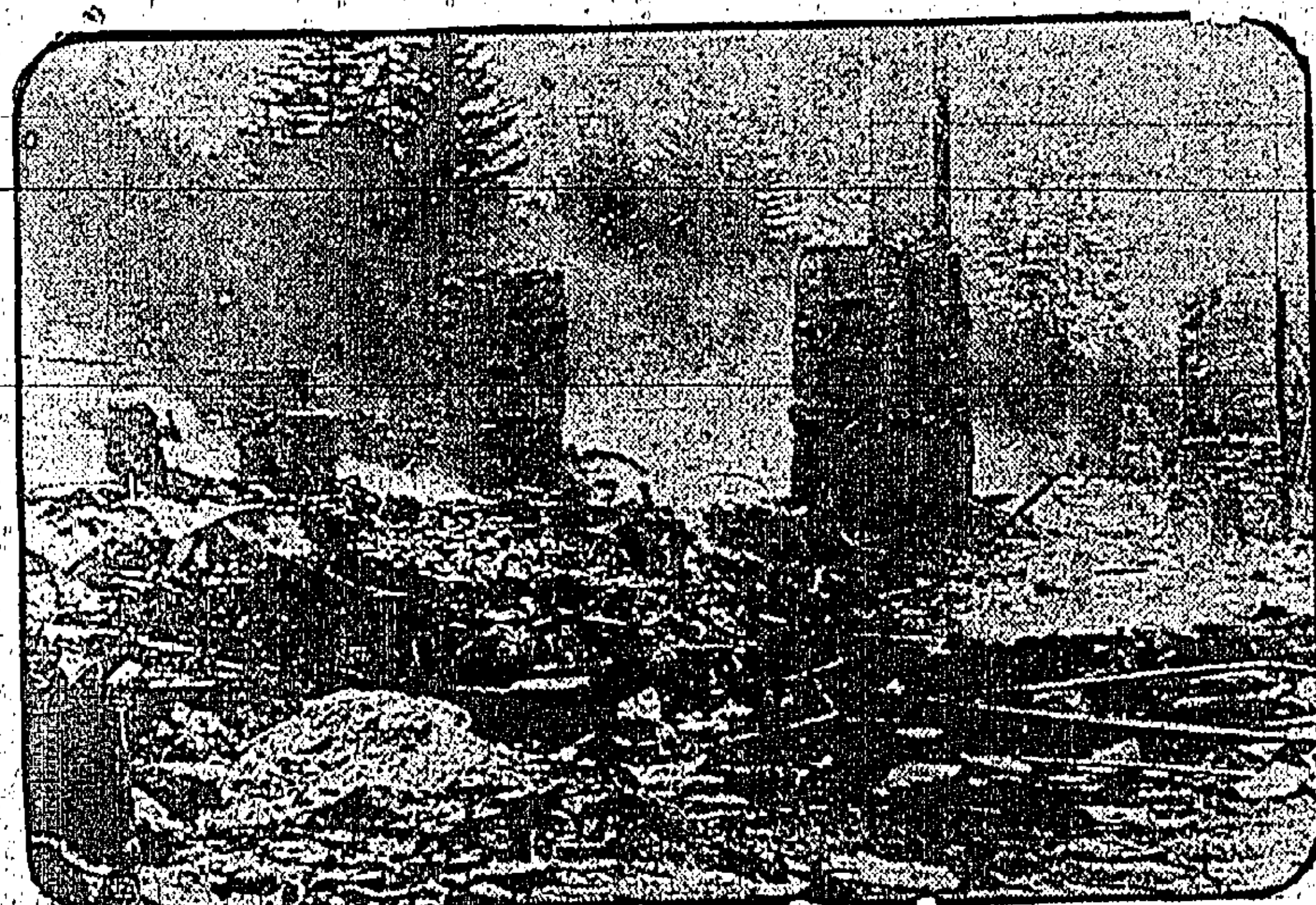
This picture shows what remains of one of the ammunition storehouses at the army arsenal, Picatinny, after it had been bombed by shells from the naval arsenal at Lake Denmark, several miles away. The naval arsenal, fired by a belt of lightning, showed huge shells over many miles of territory, causing \$100,000,000 damage and taking many lives.



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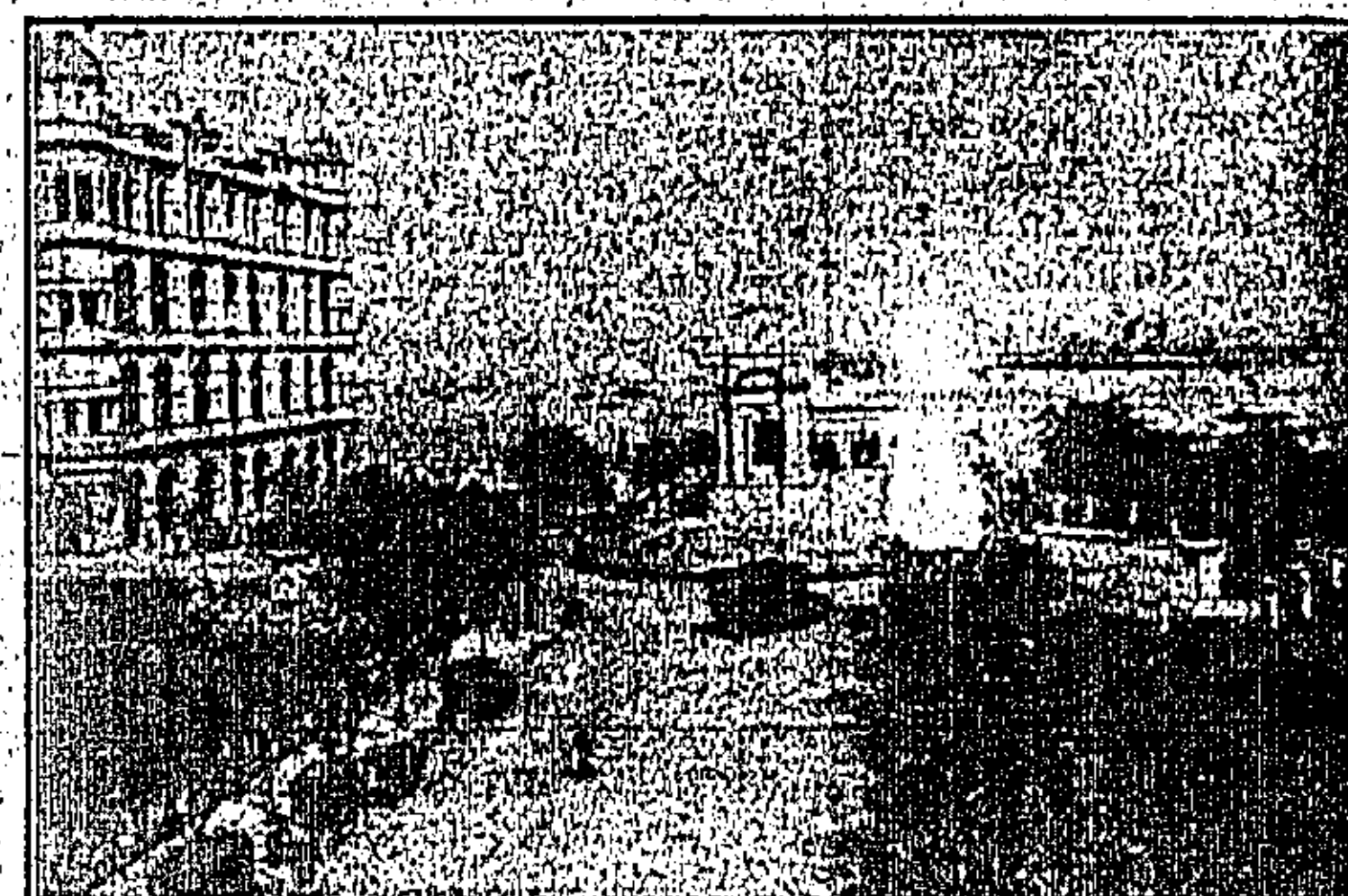
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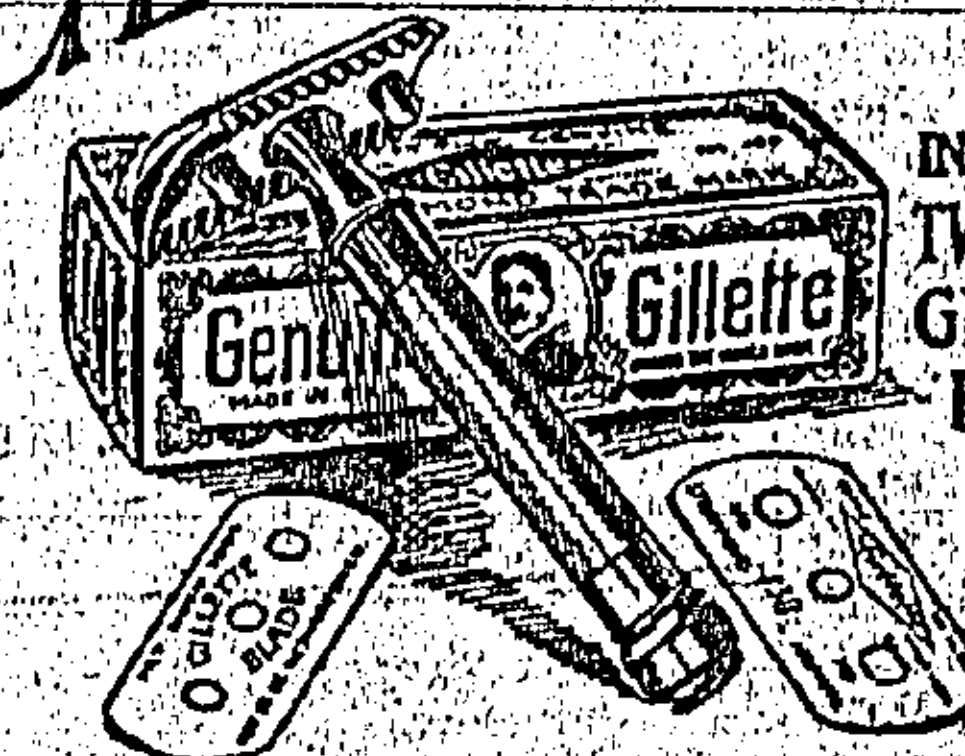
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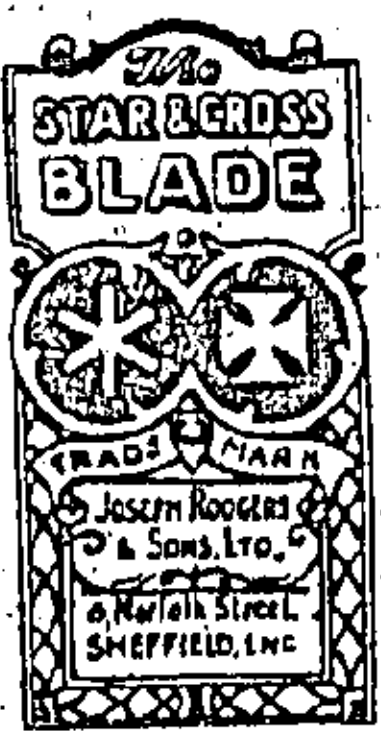
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A Naval firing party was present and the "Last Post" was sounded by a marine bugler. Naval ratings from the vessels in port, a detachment of the East Surrey Regiment, and representatives of six R. A. O. B. Lodges were present.

The Rev. J. H. Hewitt, R.N., Naval Chaplain officiated. The coffin was borne on a gun-carriage, Carline's messmates acting as bearers.

After the interment an R.A.O.B. ceremony was held at the graveside, Mr. Sheriff, P.D.C.P., officiating. The Oxberry Lodge; that of deceased, attended in full regalia.

The Floral Tributes.

Among the floral tributes were those from Rear-Admiral Stirling; Mrs. J. H. Oxberry; Bro. J. L. Goldenberg; Commander (S) and the ward room officers, H.M.S. Ambrose; his sorrowing messmates of the R.I.P.-H.M. Sub. L7; his "Pals" of H.M.S/M L1; the stokers of S/M L7; E.R.A.s L7; Petty-Officers—Mess—S/M L7; H.M. S/M L15; the P.O.'s S/M L15; the E.R.A.s of S/M L15; the stokers' mess of H.M. S/M L15; stokers of the S/M L20; the ship's company H.M.S. Ambrose; the P.O.'s Mess H.M.S. Ambrose; from the C.P.O.'s mess, 1 mess, 3 mess, 4 mess, 6 mess, 8 mess, and from 15 mess of H.M.S. Ambrose; the Royal Marines, H.M.S. Ambrose; the Royal Marines, H.M.S. Tamar; the ward room officers and warrant officers, H.M.S. Tamar; members of the Royal Naval Yard Police R.A.O.B. Institute; officers and crew of L20; officers and ship's company, H.M.S. Tarantula; Provincial Grand Lodge of China, Sir James Oxberry Lodge, Durban and Prince George Lodges, Oriental Lodge, Ambrose Lodge, Et Gloria Lodge; N. C. O.'s No. 13, Platoon "L" Co. 1/East Surrey Regiment, N.C.O.'s and men 12th Heavy Battery, R.A. Lyman; the 401 Flight R.A.F., Hongkong Water Polo Club, Royal Naval Water Polo Team, Victoria Recreation Club, water team, Kowloon British School Former Pupils' Association.

BUSINESS AND POLITICS.

STRANGE MERGER OF INTERESTS IN SHANGHAI.

Shanghai, Aug. 21. A general meeting of the British Chamber of Commerce was held to-day for the purpose of considering the amalgamation of the Committees of the Chamber and the Shanghai branch of the China Association with a view to closer co-operation. The meeting adopted the following resolution, "That this meeting of Members of the British Chamber of Commerce of Shanghai hereby ratifies the amalgamation of the committees of the Chamber and the Shanghai branch of the China Association." The amalgamation is effective from September 1 under the title of the British Chamber of Commerce and China Association Committee of Shanghai. Reuter.

TAIKOO CONCERT.

ENTERTAINMENT IN AID OF M.C.L. FUNDS.

The concert at the Taikoo Recreation Club on Saturday night was largely attended, and the M.C.L. funds should benefit considerably. A number of people made the trip from Kowloon and Hongkong by launch and this added to the general enjoyment.

Owing to indisposition, Mr. H. E. Gardner was unable to be present, his place being filled at short notice by Mrs. Fleming.

Orchestral selections were provided by the Ubiquo Orchestra and vocal items by Miss Davis, Mrs. Fleming, Mrs. G. H. Stewart, Mr. R. M. Keown and Mr. V. C. Labrum.

Clarinet solos by Mr. J. Shaw and dances by Miss V. M. Jefford were other excellent items, and additional variety was provided by a sketch written by Mr. W. E. Price. The characters in this domestic comedy were taken by Mr. R. M. Keown, Mrs. D. Peoples and Mr. W. E. Price.

Mr. W. R. Fleming was the accompanist.

INVETERATE CRIMINAL.

PRISONER WITH A HORRIBLE RECORD.

Described as having a horrible criminal record, a 48-year-old Chinese was charged before Mr. J. H. B. Nihill at the Kowloon Magistracy on Saturday with returning from banishment after having been deported for life in 1923.

Starting in 1905, the defendant's record showed three convictions for breaches of the Deportation Ordinance, a sentence of one year's imprisonment being imposed on each occasion.

Then followed a brief period of freedom and the defendant again came into the hands of the Police on charges of larceny on four different occasions. He was sentenced to terms of imprisonment varying from 14 days' hard labour to three years.

After being liberated at the expiration of his term of imprisonment, he was again banished from the Colony, but he persistently disobeyed the order. On his return on five subsequent occasions he was arrested and each time he was brought before the Court. On charges of violating the Deportation Ordinance, he served sentences ranging from one year to five years' hard labour. In all the defendant had thirteen previous convictions against him and of these nine were for returning from banishment.

Sub-Inspector Dorrington, who prosecuted, made an application for a flogging in addition to a term of imprisonment.

His Worship to the Defendant: "During the last 21 years you have spent 18 years in prison and yet you return. You will receive 20 strokes of the birch and nine months' hard labour."

A.P.C. MANAGER.

STILL IN HANDS OF THE BANDITS.

Hankow, Aug. 21. There is no news regarding the fate of Mr. J. W. Moore but it is reported that the Changsha authorities have despatched soldiers to round up the bandits concerned. Reuter.

[Mr. Moore was captured a week ago by bandits who asked \$40,000 ransom.]

THE PEKING CABINET.

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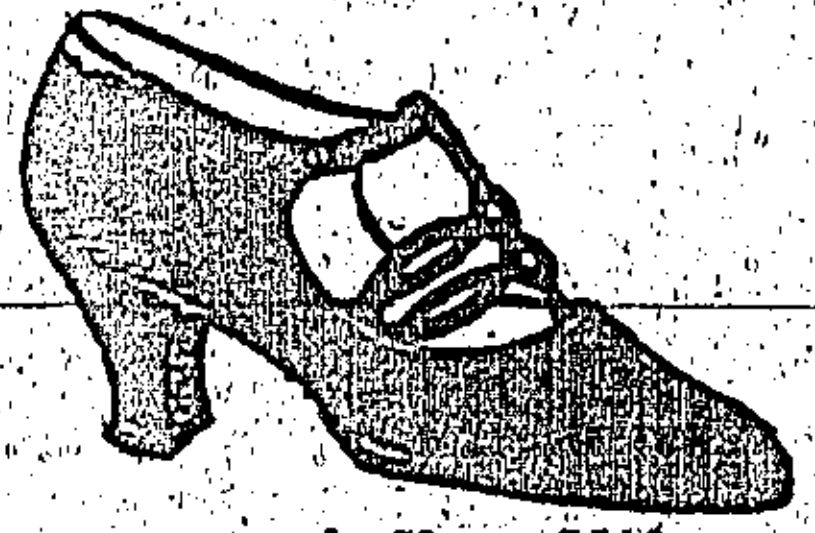
Peking, August 22. Liu Meng-kung, Chi Hsieh-yuan's delegate, proceeded to Paoingfu from Changshai yesterday evening in order to consult Wu Pei-fu with regard to a Cabinet reorganisation. Wu Pei-fu is reported as having insisted upon Tu Hsi-kuei's retaining the Premiership. Reuter. Kiu Yat Po.

Dame Nellie Melba has sent to Queen Mary's Hospital Stratford, a cheque for 250 guineas, the result of her recent broadcast appeal.

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MONDAY, AUGUST 23, 1926.

POVERTY IN CHINA.

Under the heading of "What is Wrong With China," Mr. Chin Lin-hsi is contributing a very interesting series of articles to the *North China Daily News*, the fifth of this series making its appearance on Monday last. Mr. Chin has already found an extremely formidable list of "wrongs" and one wonders whether he has left any undiscovered. But the value of the writer's articles lies not in the fact that they recite what is wrong (most of us could enumerate many things) but because they suggest remedies and point the way along which improvement might be made. One of the greatest curses of China is the appalling weight of poverty under which the people suffer, and the particular article under notice deals exhaustively with that problem. The majority of the Chinese live from hand to mouth with never a hope of saving. Mr. Rodney Gilbert has put it thus: "Every man in China has an inalienable right to a bare existence, but if he wants more than that, he will have to fight a very cruel and ruthless world to get it. Man's right to happiness is not conceded but his right to crawl along in misery is. The incessant struggle for a little more than this, in an over-populated country with few great sources of wealth, and those poorly developed, is therefore a hard game." In looking for the fundamental causes of China's poverty one must go deep into the social economics of the country and there one discovers that there is too little money, that a few in each province exact and hoard,

that there is no properly organized local government to keep things stable, that owing to the family law and its ramifications scarcely any man is free from obligations which would not be considered as such in a Western people, and that about 75 per cent. of the people are chronically in debt. We in Hongkong know how the average Chinese worker—even the well paid man—is always in debt. He is either entangled in a multiplicity of small borrowings from fellow-workers or he has family obligations that periodically drives him to try his luck on a "sub" on his wages. He loves nothing better than a small gamble and generally does not make the utmost good use of what he earns.

Up country, the coolie and worker classes are possibly worse off than are the people of any other country in the world, and that fact largely arises from the chaotic con-

dition of the social fabric. No one cares—that is the main thing. Agricultural produce for local consumption only brings in enough to keep the household going, and to meet demands of officials and there is little or no saving throughout the whole country. The first requirement is that of stable civil law and order in the larger centres, which in turn will look after the country districts and see that they are not ravaged and pillaged by bandit gangs. And then, in time, will come a developing industrialisation which will bring an increase of money all round. China will lead most of her poverty behind when she gets respect for social order and when she begins to manufacture on the industrialised lines of the west. The ways of China are old ways and they are not good enough to bring about the economic emancipation of the people. Foreign capital needs to be attracted more than ever before, but with the use of that foreign capital there must go a larger share of native control than hitherto. Chinese enterprise, backed by foreign money, and safeguarded by an improved administration will be the only combination which will prove powerful enough to effect the desired changes. Education has its place, of course, but it will come after these other things have made it possible.

Premature.

So far as the military operations in the North are concerned, it would seem that Canton is rather given at the moment to the counting of her chickens before they are hatched. A few days ago, a characteristic communiqué was issued by the Information Bureau, which painted the situation as being everything that could possibly be desired. There was, for example, the story of a "decisive defeat" of the Allied armies at Nankow, with alleged enemy casualties totalling ten thousand killed and wounded, and it was stated that changes of far-reaching importance were in consequence imminent in Peking. It is significant that it is only from Kuomintang sources that information of this Kuomintang victory has been given out, and later news, such as the capture of Kalgan, which is well beyond the Nankow Pass, by the Allied armies, is sufficient to discredit the story. There are other indications, also, that all is not well with the Kuomintang armies, who are said to have begun a general retreat in the direction of Pich-chuan, although in Hunan the Allied forces appear to have suffered a reverse. Looking closely into the situation, it is clear that the issue has not yet been finally decided, and for that reason it is absurd for Canton to talk of the early occupation of Wuchang and Hankow, and the impending re-occupation of Peking—events which are said to be about to lead to the real unification of China. This is not the first time in recent years that Canton has gone in for elaborate celebrations of victories which have never taken place, and with the situation as it is at the moment, the Kuomintang propagandists would be well advised to refrain from issuing obviously coloured versions of what is transpiring. It will be time enough to rejoice when victory is actually registered. At the moment there are important developments occurring behind the scenes which may well dissipate Canton's rather premature claims.

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—British Wireless

DAY BY DAY.

NATIONS AND MEN ARE ONLY THE BEST WHEN THEY ARE THE GLADDEST AND DESERVE HEAVEN WHEN THEY ENJOY IT.—Richter.

The Empress of Russia left Vancouver on the 19th inst., and is due here on 5th September.

The E. and A. Company's s.s. Tando, which left Mojo on the 20th inst., is due here on the morning of the 26th inst.

It is notified that the name of the General Commercial Company, Limited, has been struck off the Register.

On Saturday the Aberdeen murder trial came to an end, the prisoner Cheng Chan being found guilty and sentenced to death.

The Shanghai Chinese papers say that the agreement regarding the rendition of the International Mixed Court will be signed in the course of 10 days.

The death took place on August 15, at the General Hospital, Shanghai, of Captain Axel Glendinning, late of the China Navigation Company's service.

The Sanitary Board meets tomorrow afternoon at 4.15. Among the items on the agenda is a minute by the President relative to the question of prohibiting the sale of cut fruit in the Colony.

A meeting of creditors of the Hongkong Development, Building and Savings Society, which is in liquidation, is advertised to be held at the City Hall on Friday, September 3rd, at 3 p.m.

The annual report of L'Union Fire Insurance Company, for which the Credit Foncier d'Extreme Orient are the local agents, shows assets totalling \$6,217,596.16s. 8d., whilst the balance from Profit and Loss Account carried forward is \$35,542.16s. 1d.

At 1 a.m. on Friday night seven robbers, armed with revolvers, raided a house at Shum Wat Village, on Lan Tai Island. They bound the occupants, stole \$200 in cash, three pairs of gold and diamond bangles, and also kidnapped a 15-year-old girl. They later released her, and she released her companions on returning home.

Peremptory demands that \$50,000 in cash be paid over to their agents within one week, and that if the demands are not complied with he will be killed by a dynamite bomb, are contained in a threatening letter received by Mr. Wu Ven-hual, comprador for Lane, Crawford and Company in Shanghai. The threatening letter which was signed "The Reds" was taken by Mr. Wu to Col. Yen Tsung-yang, commander of the Woosung-Shanghai Constabulary, who has assigned a body guard to the comprador, and has also ordered a special detail of men to guard his home.

For variety, it would be extremely difficult to beat the current programme at the Queen's Theatre. There is an exceptionally long reel of British news, a beautiful Prizma coloured film of scenes in Japan, an effective musical prologue with lantern effects, and the Maurice Tourneur film, "Torment," starring Owen Moore and Bessie Love. This story has the Yokohama earthquake as its main setting, and there are numerous thrilling scenes, with plenty of sentiment for those who like it. In addition, Miss Gladys Garfield is heard in new vocal numbers, and she is adding fresh triumphs to those already scored by her excellent singing.

The Norwegian coaster Elida Clausen, Captain Frederick Sandvig, which arrived here last Friday night from Chingwangtao, with coals for the Kallan Mining Administration, and went alongside Holt's Wharf, was delayed two days on her voyage down here. She was nearly caught in a typhoon while she came along heavily loaded and had to anchor for two days at the typhoon anchorage at Tai Cho Island, south of Foochow. She practically more than made up for the delay upon her arrival here, however, as although she only commenced discharging her cargo of nearly 4,000 tons of coal on Saturday morning, she had them all unloaded at daylight to-day and has already left again for Chingwangtao.

CANTON COMMUNISTS. LOCAL SOLICITORS SON.

NOT WANTED IN SHANGHAI.

Canton's brand of Communism is to be barred from Shanghai and Gen. Sun Chuan-shan provinces if energetic measures can stop the Red propaganda.

On Thursday last Gen. Sun wired from Nanking to Col. Yen Tsung-yang, chief commander of the Woosung-Shanghai Constabulary, directing him to arrest all known Canton Communists now in Shanghai, and to go after all future Red arrivals from Canton as soon as they land in Shanghai from steamers from the south.

The telegram also directed Col. Yen to ask for the co-operation of the Shanghai Municipal Police and for the aid of French police in Shanghai in searching incoming vessels.

The Canton Government and several of the labour unions there have recently decided to send large numbers of political propagandists and labour agitators to Shanghai, and some of them are said to be already en route north on the coast ships.

Gen. Sun's telegram is thought to be one of the results of the recent raids upon the headquarters of radical Kuomintang organizations in various cities in this province, for these raids disclosed letters and plans for widespread agitation.

SHANGHAI LAND DEAL.

N. Y. K.'S SIX LAKES PURCHASE.

An important land deal, involving the lot on the Bund adjacent to H. M. Consulate-General at Shanghai, is announced.

The parcel of land in question, which covers an area of a little more than three mow, has been sold by the Yokohama Specie Bank to the Nippon Yusen Kaisha at a price of Tls. 600,000. It was purchased some 30 years ago by the Bank for Tls. 170,000, but since then land values have gone up at such a rate that it is now said to be worth Tls. 800,000 per mow.

With a desire of keeping it in the hands of Japanese, it is said that the Yokohama Specie Bank declined other offers, reported to be higher than the price paid, and decided to dispose of the land at a considerably reduced rate to the N. Y. K. The N. C. Daily News is informed that a contract was signed several days ago in Tokyo and that the land already has been transferred.

WINS HONOURS AT OXFORD.

We notice that in the *London Times* of July 20th is published the Law Class list at Oxford of the examiners in the Final Honour School of Jurisprudence, and that among the names of those who succeeded in gaining honours is that of L. d'Almada e Castro, of Exeter College, Oxford. Upon enquiry we learn this is the eldest son of Mr. Leo d'Almada, the well-known local solicitor.

The many friends of young Mr. d'Almada who is just 22 years of age, will wish to join with us in congratulating him upon his examination successes, for he is, we believe, the first Portuguese student from Hongkong to have gained such distinction. A pupil of St. Joseph's College, he matriculated in the Hongkong University in 1916 and subsequently passed his Intermediate Arts. He went to Oxford in October, 1923, joining Exeter College, and at the same time entered the Middle Temple as a student. He has now graduated at Oxford, taking the Law Class with honours, and we understand, will take his final Bar examination in October and December.

Not only has Mr. d'Almada been successful in his studies at Oxford but he has also figured there in the realm of sport. As stroke of his College "four" he helped it to retain the Morrell Cup for the year 1924-25, and in last year's year's Torpid Races, stroked his College eight which secured five "bumps" out of a possible six, thereby gaining the much-coveted "white blazer."

He will have many Hongkong well-wishers when he takes his final Bar examination.

PREMIER'S HOLIDAY.

VISITING AIX-LES-BAINS.

London, Aug. 22. Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Baldwin have gone to Aix-les-Bains for a holiday.—*Reuter*.

The Burntisland Shipbuilding Company, Limited, have secured a contract for a special type cargo steamer for Australian owners. The propelling machinery will be supplied by Messrs. David Rowan and Co., Limited, Glasgow.

The Very Idea!

On the bleak side of a mountain in Africa two scientists of the Smithsonian Institution are to measure a sunbeam every day for the next four years.

Out of their measurements may come a system of long range weather forecasting. Comparison of the heat calories radiated every day by the sun is expected to result in a definite method for forecasting a week of rainy days, a cyclone across the middle west or a storm at sea.

Recent studies have demonstrated that changes in weather are directly traceable to the variations of heat from the sun.

A Scotsman was found searching his pockets with a woe-begone expression on his face. "What's wrong, Tam?" asked a friend.

"I've lost a threepenny-bit, and I've searched every pouch but one."

"Why don't you search it?" he was asked.

"I'm feared, Tam!" he replied, "for if it's no there I'll drap doon deid."

The salesman said the comb would part.

The buyer took the air.

He knew the guy was fibbing 'cause

He hadn't any hair.

Believing that newspaper photographers may cause his sons to get false notions of their own importance, Mr. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., has refused to allow pictures to be taken of his three boys.

Michael Enderbush of New York City, willing to demonstrate that he should have been more careful and the court. He objects to the nail in a piece of pie. That was not to the claim.

Give me blondes, the young man

Told the dark-eyed Nellie

Bly—

To her girl friend next day

she said:

She surely thought she'd dyed.

Models of boots fourteen to sixteen inches high are being shown to retailers in London in the hope that they will replace the Russian boot. One model contains a combination of lizard or python skins with patent leather and another is in gray glass kid.

Mistress—"Now, Mary, the last maid I had was far too interested in policemen for my liking. I hope you'll do your best to avoid them!"

New Maid—"Don't you worry yourself about that, mum, I can't abear the sight of 'em. My father's a burglar."

Whether it is a blessing or a punishment is not determined, but the Chicago Department of Health, based on statistics that married men live longer than single ones.

A suit in London by a professional dancer, Miss Ganylova, against the son of a wealthy New York family, because of an injured foot brought relief, jun., has refused to allow pictures to be taken of his three boys.

WAR REPORTS.

WILL KWANGTUNG BE
HEMMED IN?

INVASION OF KWANGSI.

Reports from "anti-Red" circles states, Marshal Wu Pei-fu, the Yangtze Valley War Lord, is returning to Central China to direct the "anti-Red" operations now in progress in Hunan.

Kuomintang Headquarters in Canton claim sweeping victories in Hunan and mutinies among Northern troops in Kiangsi and Fukien. The celebration of the alleged defeat of Allied troops at Nankow Pass and the reported victories of the Kuomintang Army in Hunan, Fukien, and Kiangsi is to take place on August 25th. To prevent the Canton people from hearing news of the actual defeat of the Kuomintang Army at Nankow and Kalgan, the Board of Censors in Canton, by direction of the Kuomintang Central Executive Committee, is exercising exceptional care in withholding all information favourable to the "anti-Reds."

The celebration of the "victories" in Canton is to be held under the auspices of the League of Workers, Farmers, Students, and Merchants, a subsidiary organ of the Communist Party in the Southern Capital.

YUNNAN FORCES MOVE.

A report has been received in Canton that General Tang Chi-yao has at last despatched two Army Corps to invade Kwangsi, one under the command of Lung Wan, from Kwong Nam via Posh, with Nanning as the objective, and the other under Hu Xoh-yue from Loping via Lau Hing, with Kwallin as the objective. According to this report, General Lau Tsun-wan will be appointed to the supreme command of the Yunnan Army operating against Kwangsi, but this is scarcely likely in view of the fact that there are aspirants for the honour in the Yunnan ranks. The report gives the very surprising news that Fan Shek-sung, the reportedly dead enemy of Tang Chi-yao, has consented to join hands with the Yunnan units, through the offices of Liao Heng-chih, a prominent general during Yeung Hsi-man's regime.

In consequence of this new development in Kwangsi, General Wong Shao-hung despatched General Yu Chak-pak to confer with General Li Chai on the situation which is becoming more critical every day, as both the Army Corps of the Yunnan unit have already invaded Kwangsi, and are threatening to cut the rear of General Li Chung-yao's Army operating in Hunan.

OFFICIALS WORRIED.

This news has created a sensation in official circles, and the opinion is gaining ground that unless a series of victories, resulting in the capture of Wuchang, favours the arms of the Revolutionary Army, Kwangtung will be hemmed in on every side by "anti-Red" troops in a month's time.

The most exciting stage of the civil war between the North and South is thus being reached. The Revolutionary Army is confident it will reach Wuchang before the Mid-Autumn Festival, while, on the other hand, Wu Pei-fu and Chang Tso-lin are said to have made up their minds to eliminate the Kuomintang completely.

According to reports from Swatow 2,000 of the remnants of the Yuet Kwan have suddenly attacked and captured the Wo-ping district, forcing the 41st Regiment to retreat toward Lo Lung. Another report has been received at Swatow to the effect that Shui-On has been occupied by a large force of the Fukien Army, who are demanding the retirement of the Nationalist unit which was stationed there in accordance with the terms of a compact between General Ho Ping-yun and Chow Yum-yun. The violation of this compact by the Fukien forces may lead to an open declaration of war. From the latest report that Sun Chuan-fang is despatching both military and naval assistance to Amoy, it appears that Chow Yum-yun is being forced to side with Sun Chuan-fang.

For allowing his vessel to be under way without exhibiting regulations lights, the master of a trading junk was fined \$15 or fourteen days imprisonment at the Marine Court this morning.

GREEK REVOLT.



GEN. PANGALOS.
The Greek director, who has been arrested in the coup reported from Athens.



ADM. KOUNDOURIOTIS,
who will probably become the new President of Greece.

IN A TYPHOON.

(Continued from Page 1).

One of the men rushed down to the galley to get a butcher-knife to cut away the lines holding the awning, and when he returned on the bridge the force of the wind was so great that the knife was swept from his hand, cutting his fingers badly.

In the meantime, however, the awning had been carried away. It lodged against the whistle on the stack and set it off. The sound of the whistle could not be heard on the bridge, so terrific was the noise made by the wind.

Throughout the entire "blow" the deck officers remained on the bridge. In order to do this it was necessary for them to hold to the railings and turn their backs to the wind.

After the storm had blown itself out an inventory was taken of the damage done and it was found that this had been very little on deck, except for the awning stanchions. From the engine-room, however, it was learned that one of the condensers had sprung a leak, allowing the sea water to flow into the boiler-water. It was, however, found that by taking much time it would be possible to reach Shanghai in spite of this.

The Asheville will remain in Shanghai for about 10 days. It will not be necessary to take her into drydock in order to make the necessary repairs, it is said.

A case of rabies (dog) has been reported over the week-end.

To-day's Observatory report states that the typhoon is now severe and is near Ishigaki, moving N.N.W. or N.W. It will probably strike the coast to-morrow morning, between Shanghai and Foochow.

Commander A. R. Smithwick, D.S.O., who has begun duty in the Department of the Director of Navigation, commanded the sloop Bluebell in China for two years prior to February last and during the war was navigator of the cruisers Sappho and Roxburgh and the battleship Malaya.

BRITISH RULE.

APPRECIATION BY
CHINESE.

WEIHAIWEI'S FUTURE.

Writing to the N. G. Daily News, a Weihaiwei correspondent says:—Someone has said, "Happy is the country which has no history." He might have added, "but thrice cursed is the place where uncertainty prevails." Almost from its infancy as a British possession there have been doubt and uncertainty as to Weihaiwei's future, one of the earliest rumours being that the lease of the Territory was about to be transferred to Germany—a rumour that was of sufficient importance and persistence to provoke an official denial.

The Fates, it would seem, have decreed that the uncertainty which has been such a hindrance to enterprise and development at Weihaiwei for a generation, shall pursue up to the bitter end. It is now over four years ago that Lord Balfour announced at the Washington Conference that the Territory would be restored to China. We still wait the establishment of a recognized Government at Peking; we are still in doubt as to important details of the terms of rendition; we still engage in a fruitless and profitless exercise—marking time.

Fortunately there is another and a brighter side to the picture. While other parts of China during the past year wars, riots, boycotts have done much to inflict ruinous losses on the country, Weihaiwei has remained peaceful—an oasis in a howling wilderness. Here the agitator has ceased from troubling and the politician is at rest.

BRITISH RULE.

With a fine disregard for historical fact and of the circumstances under which Weihaiwei came to be a British possession, the Bolshevized students of China have placed Weihaiwei in their list of the "eight crimes" of the British Government. Yet if it were possible to invite the inhabitants of this Territory to vote on the question—by secret ballot—I have little doubt there would be a substantial majority in favour of the retention of British rule in preference to Chinese administration. We have our local "patriots," and it speaks well for the general wisdom, the broad toleration of British rule, that some of our most rabid employees of the local Government. There is, of course, no interference with freedom of speech, with legitimate criticism, but we all realize that there is a certain line that may not be crossed, that words and acts that might lead to public disturbance will be sternly dealt with.

WEIHAIWEI CITY.

The boundary of the Territory of Weihaiwei is a semi-circle ten miles from the shore of the harbour. But within this area is an enclave, the walled City, which has all along been under Chinese jurisdiction. Of recent years there has been an appreciable migration of the inhabitants of the City, who have bought them land and built them houses in British territory. For one reason, or another, these people seem to prefer to live under the rule of a "brutal and imperialistic" Government! And the unbiased observer, whether Chinese or foreign, will surely conclude that—since actions speak louder than words—this migration is a distinct tribute to the general justice and efficiency of British administration. Nor can there be much doubt as to the views of the historian of the future. He, surely, will decide that, when 28 years ago—with the consent, if not at the actual invitation, of the Chinese Government—Great Britain took over Weihaiwei from the Japanese army of occupation, and thereby added another straw to the White Man's burden, she not only opposed a check and counterpoise to the aggressive designs of Russia and Germany, but she also conferred immense benefits on the inhabitants of this district.

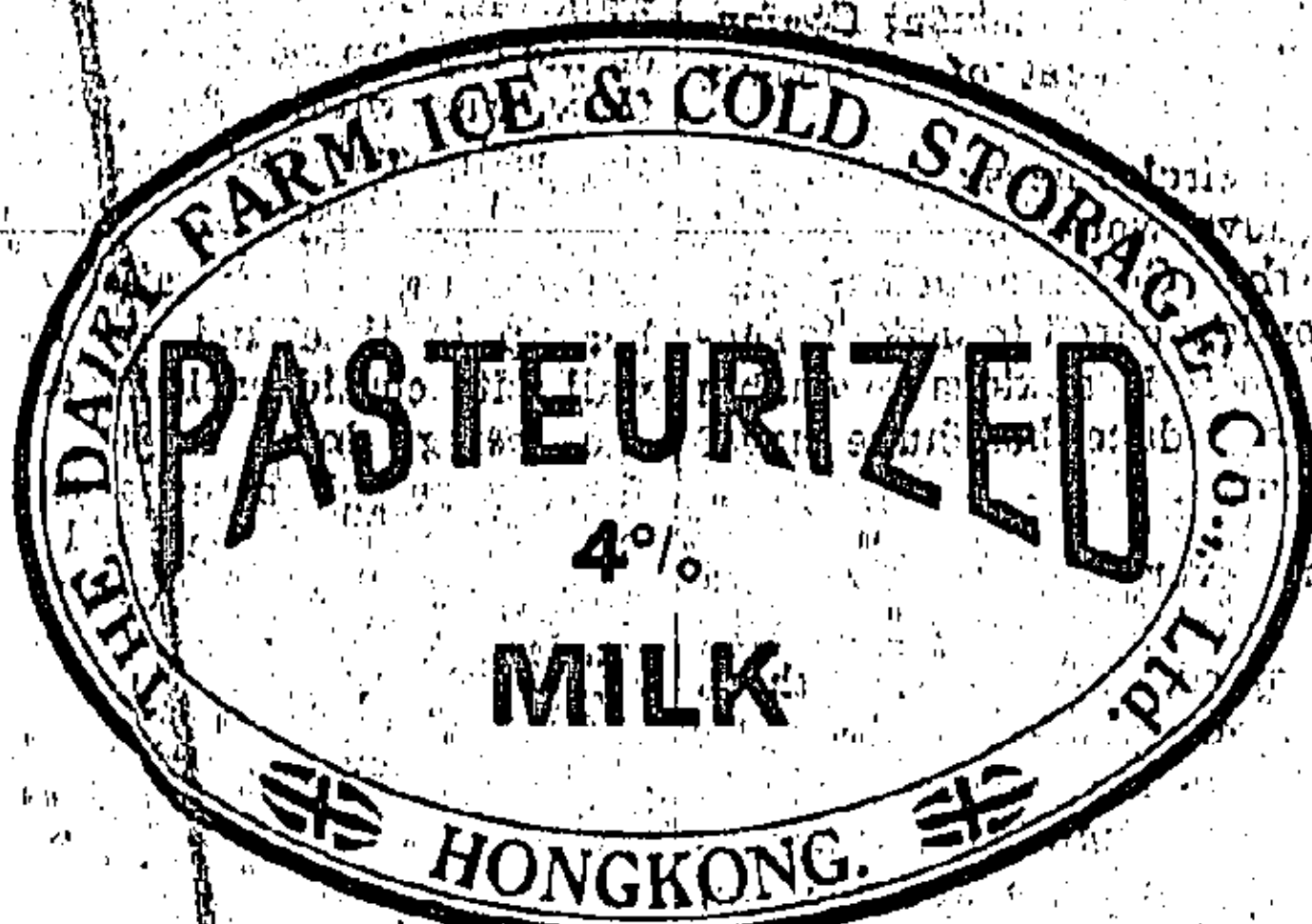
MOTOR TRAFFIC.

At the Washington Conference Lord Balfour suggested the construction of a railway to connect Weihaiwei with its hinterland. A few months later the Retrocession Commission went into the question and decided that a railway was impracticable, but that motor roads should be constructed. There can be little doubt that when rendition is an accomplished fact the imposition of motors will be permitted—at present forbidden by ordinance and proclamation, dated 1920. This ordinance confers on Weihaiwei the almost unique distinction of being one of very few places under the sun where motor traffic is officially forbidden.

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PROS AND CONS.

Under British rule a measure of prosperity has come to Weihaiwei and to a great extent this is due to the fact that, like Hongkong and Singapore, it has been a free port. Steps have already been taken to establish a customs house here, and it is to be feared that when the Territory is transferred to the Chinese Government a substantial proportion of our trade will disappear. Hence the extreme importance of opening up the hinterland as soon as possible. Unfortunately funds are scarce and our revenue is barely sufficient to cover current expenses. But I have reason for asserting that if official permission could be obtained—which would require, I understand, reference to the Colonial Office, London—funds from another source would be available. In short, where there's a will, there's a way.

The official attitude has been that the roads are too narrow, the bridges too weak, and that the road surface would rapidly deteriorate under motor traffic. The obvious reply is that bridges can be avoided by paving the beds of the streams they span; that narrow roads can be slightly widened at intervals of a few hundred yards at small cost; and that surface wear caused by a motor vehicle with its four wheels and rubber tyres would probably not exceed the damage done by a two-wheeled, spring-less cart loaded with salt. The cost of maintaining roads is at present prohibitive, but a via media seems possible; and mud roads, similar to those being constructed in other parts of China, would go a long way towards solving our problem. No one—excepting the man with an axe of his own to grind—will pretend that the withdrawal of the British administration will not be a serious loss to Weihaiwei, and to avoid greater loss an intelligent anticipation of events seems necessary.

The weather forecast up to noon to-morrow is:—South-west winds, moderate; fine to cloudy.

Amongst the passengers arriving by the Empress of Canada to-day were Col. and Mrs. Russell Brown, Mr. R. J. Paterson, Mr. J. L. McPherson, Mr. A. W. Graham Brown and Mr. F. J. W. Pocken.

The following vessels are expected to be in wireless communication with Hongkong to-day:—Tanda, Tilaun, Kalgan, Kiangsu, City of Corinth, Pres. Jefferson, Fulda, Kitano, Maru, Pembroke-shire, Pingal, Pres. Cleveland, Fushimi Maru, Van Oon, Tene Maru, Sunning, Glenanoy, Maru-ran Maru, Medon, Baron Ardrossan, Tjikembang and Ostork.

The Shanghai Benevolent Association and Institute for the Maimed is soon to be established. A temporary office has been opened in the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce.

SENTENCE REDUCED.

SEQUEL TO PRAYA INCIDENT.

Saturday morning saw the closing stages in the recent incident on the Praya when men from the Labour Maintenance Bureau defied the police with revolvers, who were seeking to take them into custody on a charge of misusing their arms in an attempt to secure payment of a mah-jongg debt.

The case came before Mr. R.E. Lindsell last week, following the surrender of the two men concerned to the police, and sentence in the case of one of them—six months' hard labour—was suspended on an application from the C.S.P., until further enquiries could be made.

On Saturday, the Magistrate, at the outset, stated that he had suspended sentence at the last hearing conditionally on Mr. Wolfe enquiring further into the matter and giving his views as to the proper penalty to be imposed.

Mr. Wolfe replied that he had investigated very fully, and had received apologies from officials of the Labour Maintenance Bureau concerned for what had happened, and also an undertaking that better control would be exercised with the view to preventing a recurrence of this and similar offences.

The defendants, continued the C.S.P., had rendered good service during a critical time and if his Worship would look at the case in the same light, Mr. Wolfe thought it would be one for exercising the option of a small fine. It was the first case of its kind that had occurred, although it was a very serious one, and might have led to serious consequences but for the discreet way in which certain police officers acted.

Mr. Lindsell converted the sentence of six months inflicted on the first defendant into a fine of \$100. As regards the second defendant, his Worship said that in any case he did not find any evidence of assault. The man was accordingly discharged.

Ten persons lost their lives and 238 suffered injuries in traffic accidents in Shanghai in July. The total number of traffic accidents during the month was 702, as against a total of 495 in July of last year. The same number of persons were killed in traffic accidents in July, 1925 as last month, but last year in July only 172 were injured.

The following paragraph is contributed by an anonymous correspondent: It is apparently a clipping from an Australian paper—A well-known Melbourne globe-trotter and his wife, tied up with the way the baggage smashers on the railways and wharves had treated their belongings on previous occasions, hit on the device of labelling their luggage "With Care—China." The ruse was moderately successful. Nothing was broken, but the stuff turned up in Hongkong, whereas the owners were going to Colombo.

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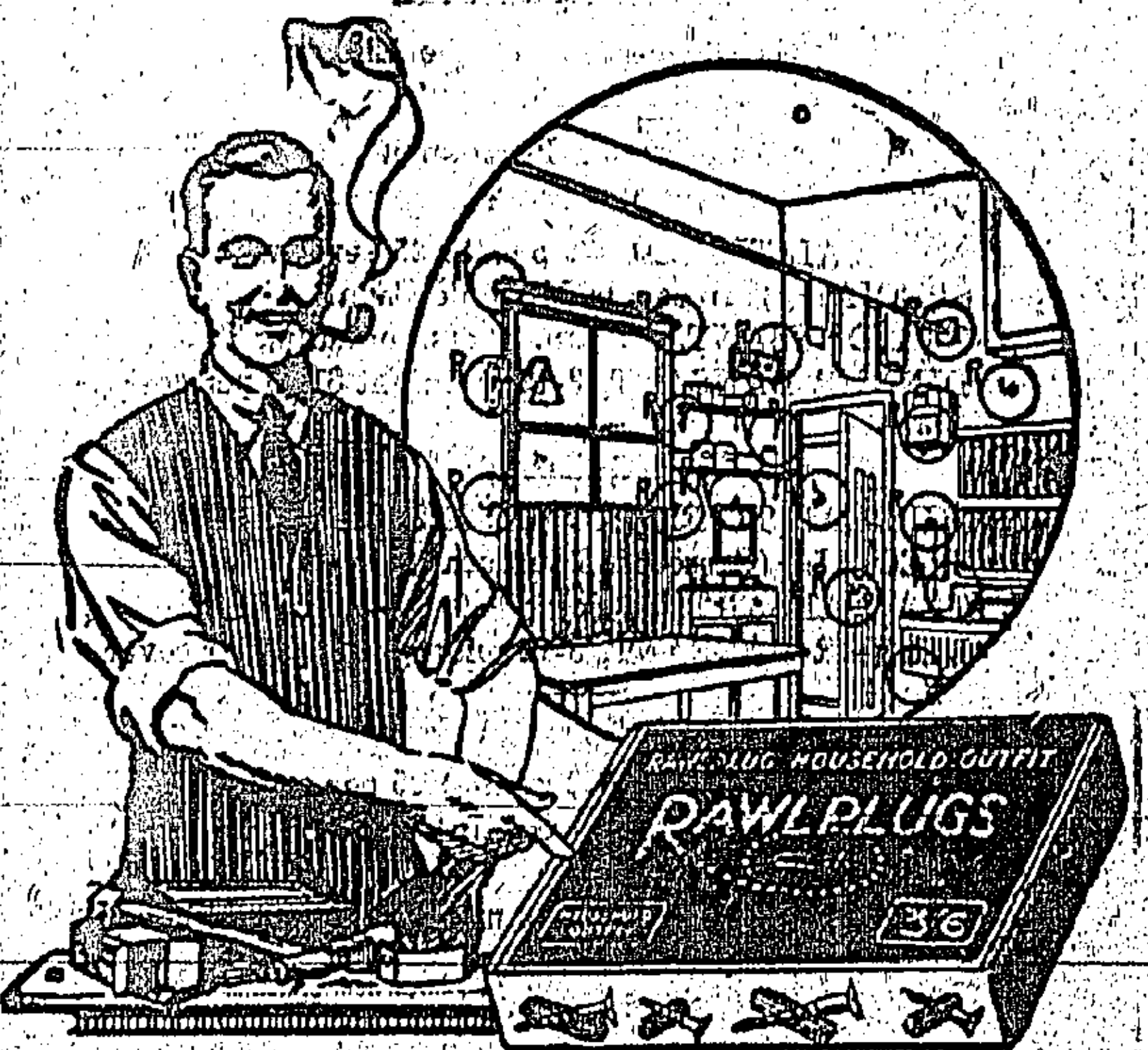
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NAVAL DISARMAMENT.**JAPAN AGREES WITH
AMERICAN IDEAS.**Tokyo, Aug. 21.
It is understood that the Government highly approves of Mr. Kellogg's Plattsburg speech in which he expressed the opinion that regional agreements were best for regulating land armaments, but impractical for limiting naval construction.

The speech is taken as meaning that President Coolidge expects to call a Naval Disarmament Conference in the event of a Geneva failure.

Official circles never anticipated that Geneva would be successful, though the Government has sincerely endeavored to make it successful as it is anxious to enable Japan to reduce her huge naval expenditures.

As, however, political observers believe that the coming Diet will be dissolved, after which there will be a general election under the new suffrage law, whereby it is estimated nine million new voters will participate, the attitude on disarmament will possibly alter if a new Government other than a Ken-sei-kai is installed.—*Reuter.***GERMANY AND THE
LEAGUE.****DISAPPOINTED WITH
LOCARNO.**

Berlin, Aug. 22.

In a speech at Breslau, Dr. Marx declared that Germany's expectations from the Treaty of Locarno had not yet been fulfilled to the extent desired by the Germans, who were painfully disappointed.

Since the evacuation of the Cologne zone, the number of troops in the second and third zones had lately been increased by thousands of men.

He said they must be certain when they left for Geneva that Germany's entrance to the League would proceed without friction to a successful conclusion. He explained that Germany was ready to co-operate in the work of the examining committee, and in the interests of the League as a whole.

"We will strive for maintenance of the Council's freedom of action. We are not posing as an opponent of any candidate. We only ask that in the final settlement the interests of all members of the League be taken into account."—*Reuter.***WOOD-ALCOHOL
POISONING.****CANADA AND AMERICA TO
EXCHANGE NOTES.**

Toronto, Aug. 21.

The Canadian and American Police authorities have agreed to exchange information in connection with numerous wood-alcohol poisoning deaths during the past few weeks on both sides of the border. Thirteen people have been arrested in Ontario and are shortly standing trial on charges of manslaughter.—*Reuter's American Service.***A POLO TRAGEDY.****AMERICAN BANKER THROWN
AND KILLED.**

Deauville, Aug. 21.

Colonel Herman Harjes, the famous American banker, was thrown from his pony during a polo game and died from his injuries.

Col. Harjes was a partner of J. P. Morgan and Company, and managed their Paris agency. He conducted all the negotiations of his firm with the Banque de France, resulting in the Morgan credits.—*Reuter's American Service.***NICARAGUA REVOLT.****WORK OF DESTRUCTION.**

Later.

The rebels have evacuated Quezaltenango and have burned part of the town including the largest distillery in Nicaragua. The Mayor and others are reported killed. The rebels were severely punished in other skirmishes.—*Reuter's American Service.***POLAR STAR CRASH.****SLIGHT MISHAP YESTERDAY
AT HONGKONG WHARF.**

Slight damage was done to the bows of the "Polar Star" ferry when she crashed into the Pava wall on arriving at the Hongkong side at nine o'clock yesterday morning.

Owing to some reason apparent unknown she failed to go astern when going alongside the wharf, and it became apparent that she would crash into the Pava wall. An attempt to get a rope on the capstan succeeded when the ferry was within a few feet of the wall, and her anchor then began to go astern.

These endeavours failed to pull her up in time and she hit the wall with considerable force, damage being done to the bows. There were only a few passengers on board at the time, and apart from the jolt they suffered no discomfort.

The "Polar Star" was able to return to Kowloon with passengers.

**SOUTH AMERICAN
POLITICS.****BOLIVIA AND CHILE'S
RELATIONS.**

Santiago, Chile, Aug. 21.

A rupture in the diplomatic relations of Chile and Bolivia is imminent following a Bolivian congress adopting a resolution claiming that Antofagasta province was ceded by Chile by the 1904 treaty.—*Reuter's American Service.***LAWN BOWLS.****NEARING THE END OF
LEAGUE FIXTURES.**

In the three games of the Lawn Bowls League on Saturday, Tai Koo defeated the Civil Service on the Craigengower green, East Point won their match with the Yacht Club and the Club de Recreo lost to the C.C.C.

The K.C.C. team will meet Craigengower next Saturday and if they lose the championship will go to East Point. In the event of a win they will probably meet East Point in a deciding match. R.H.K. Yacht Club v. East Point R.C. Playing at home the Yacht Club was defeated by 14 shots.

Score:

R.H.K.Y.C.	E.P.R.C.
Waters	McKellar
Sellers	Webster
Greig	Shaw
Dixon	23 Whiteford
Croucher	Samways
Black	Williamson
Wood	McKellar
Russell	18 R. W. Lee
Davies	Baker
Sutherland	Glover
Carpenter	Henderson
Lang	11 McTavish

Total 50 Total 64

Tai Koo R.C. v. Civil Service C.C. Although Tai Koo had a weakened team they defeated their opponents by 4 shots.

Score:

T.R.C.	C.S.C.C.
Walmsley	Jones
Warnock	Rose
Chalmers	Davies
McKechnie	19 Allen
Sellers	Bentley
Richmond	Westlake
Munro	Haynes
Grimes	10 Lambie
Bell	Carr
Coils	Flegg
Craig	Sara
Duncan	22 Alderman

Total 57 Total 53

Club de Recreo v. Craigengower C.C. Playing on their own green for the first time since the storm, the Recreo team lost to Craigengower by 16 shots.

Score:

Club de Recreo	C.C.C.
J. Ribeiro	Rharras
F. X. Silva	Nicholson
F. E. Remedios	Rodrigues
L. C. Souza	17 Arculli
C. Lopes	Luz
A. V. Barros	Ribeiro
C. Marques	Neves
P. A. Rozario	17 Alves
E. V. Souza	Blakeman
H. V. Sequeira	Spink
C. E. Silva	Thayer
J. Ribeiro	10 Bennett

Total 50 Total 55

LEAGUE TABLES.

The following are the positions in the League to date:

DIVISION I.		P.W.D.L.P.
Tai Koo R.C.	10 8 0 2 19	
Kowloon Dock	10 7 0 3 14	
Craigengower C.C.	10 7 0 3 14	
Civil Service	10 4 1 5 4	
Kowloon B.G.	10 2 0 8 4	
Police R.C.	10 1 1 8 8	



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			Indian R.C.	489 681 0 222	

THE WORLD OF SPORT

LOCAL BASEBALL.

ANOTHER LATE RALLY BY SOUTH CHINA.

The South China and Japanese baseball teams consolidated their respective positions at the head of the local League table by further victories over the week-end.

South China are developing the useful habit of staging late-in-the-day rallies to convert likely defeat into a creditable victory. On Saturday, when the Club de Recreo provided the opposition, the Portuguese side were leading by four runs to one at the close of the fifth innings. Their fielding had been tight, and had given no sign of the break which was destined to follow.

Two safe hits and a couple of fumbles, and before the Recreo were aware of the danger, South China had drawn level. The Recreo were blanked at the seventh time up, while S. L. Lee succeeded in getting home for South China in the final frame to give them the victory by one run. Score by innings: Recreo: 0 0 1 2 1 0 0—4 South China: 0 1 0 0 3 1—5

SOME SLUGGING.

The Volunteer sluggers clouted Harrell and Cockey safely for twelve hits, and their fielders made fewer errors than the Hongkong Baseball Club, yet they lost the game by the margin of one run.

The colossal score and the Club's win were to be attributed chiefly to their ability to make everything going. They hit safely eight times and made 19 runs. At the end of the third innings, the Volunteers led 6-5, but they were deprived of the lead in the next frame, the Club scoring 4 to 2, and failed afterwards to get once more ahead. When the final frame was reached, the Club led 15-13, and forced home four more to lead 19-13. The Volunteers made a splendid effort to pull the game out of the fire, five men passing over the plate before the third man was out.

The score by innings follows: Club: 1 0 4 5 1 4—19 Volunteers: 0 2 2 3 2 5—18

FILIPINOS OUTPLAYED.

The Filipinos at no time looked likely to hold the Japanese yesterday. The third base and short stop felt the vital need for a large basket, and it was because the rules do not allow such a serviceable article that the Japanese got through so easily.

Ishimatsu pitched a clever game. The Filipinos were dangerous only once; with two men on bases Ish took no chances with Zafra but walked him, making full bases. The pitcher then fooled two men into throwing away their bases, and shortly afterwards put out the third in trying to make home.

Angelos was erratic in comparison. The Japanese were in the ascendancy from start to finish, the score by innings being: Filipinos: 0 0 0 1 0 2 0—3 Japanese: 1 0 2 3 0 6—9

THE TEST MATCHES.

KING GEORGE CONGRATULATES PLAYERS.

Rugby, Aug. 22. His Majesty the King has forwarded a letter to the President of M.C.C. stating that he had followed the Test matches with the keenest interest and regretting that he was not in London on the occasion of the final historic match.

The letter added:—"The King wishes you to convey to Mr. Chapman and the English eleven an expression of his hearty congratulations on their splendid success, which has once again given England the honours of the rubber. At the same time, His Majesty would like you to tell the Australians how impressed he has been with their wonderful succession of triumphs."

British Wireless.

V. R. C. FETE.

A SUCCESSFUL FUNCTION.

The first aquatic night fete of the season drew a large crowd around the bath at the Victoria Recreation Club on Saturday, and was in every way a success. Now that this trial has turned out to be a complete success, night fetes such as these aquatic meets, will be a fairly regular Saturday night attraction, it is hoped.

For the first meet of the year, there was a satisfactory number of entrants competing in a good programme. Notwithstanding that two of their members were absent at Talkoo Club, the H. K. V. D. C. did their duty all the same, taking to the water in their polo match against the V. R. C. with two substitutes.

In the intervals between the events, dancing was indulged in by spectators to the strains of the Lyric-Orchestra. Rear Admiral Stirling, the new President of the Club, was present, with Miss Stirling.

The prizes were given away by Mrs. Logan, the results being as follows:—

Results.

100 Yards Members' Aggregate (Handicap)—Final:—1, E. Zimmerman; 2, W. Taylor. Time: 75.2/5, 71.2/5 sec.

Boys' Two Lengths Handicap.—1, K. G. Evans; 2, W. Lawrence. Time: 32.1/6, 30 sec.

50 Yards Back Stroke (Handicap)—Final:—1, A. May; 2, G. R. Razavet. Time: 37.4/5, 37.3/5 sec.

50 Yards Ladies (Handicap)—1, Miss Phyllis Hunt; 2, Miss Doris Hunt. Time: 41.4/5, 40.5/5 sec.

High Dive.—1, A. May; (95 points); 2, D. Luing (94 points).

100 Yards Members' Breast Stroke (Handicap)—1, J. Roza Pereira; 2, H. Barroa. Time: 88, 85.3/5 sec.

50 Yards Members' Team Race.—G. R. Razavet's team.

Water Polo—V.R.C. v. H.K.V.D.C. Won by the V.R.C. by two goals to nil.

HOME CRICKET.

AUSTRALIANS AT TAUNTON.

London, August 21. The Australians met Somerset at Taunton to-day in showery weather. There were 10,000 spectators present. Collins won the toss and decided to bat. The tourists were all out for 225, Ellis and Everett adding 98 for the last wicket. Ellis scored 42 and Everett 59.

Robertson-Glasgow took five wickets for 78 and J.C. White three for 63.

Somerset had a few minutes batting and had scored 42 without loss when stumps were drawn.—*Reuter.*

GOLF.

THOUSAND GUINEAS TOURNAMENT RESULT.

London, August 21. The final of the Thousand Guineas Professional golf tournament was played at Mortmore, Leeds, to-day when C. Whitcombe (Crawhill) beat M. O'Neill (Wrekin) by 9 and 8 over 38.—*Reuter.*

LAWN TENNIS.

THE DAVIS CUP.

Forest Hills, August 21. In the semi-finals Miss Elizabeth Ryan beat Miss Mary Browne by 6-1 6-3 and Mrs. Mallory beat Miss Bayard by 6-3 6-3.—*Reuter's American Service.*

YACHTING.

AMERICAN KING'S CUP.

Newport, Rhode Island, Aug. 21. Mr. Harry Payne Whitney's schooner Vanitie to-day won the cup presented to the New York Yacht Club by King George.

Eight yachts competed. Vanitie leading the fleet throughout the race.—*Reuter's American Service.*

AMERICAN BASEBALL.

RESULTS OF AMERICAN AND NATIONAL LEAGUES.

New York, August 21. The results of the baseball matches in the American and National Leagues last week are as follow:

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

Brooklyn	3	Boston	4
Brooklyn	2	Boston	6
Philadelphia	4	New York	3
St. Louis	2	Chicago	3

Sunday.

Brooklyn	4	Boston	1
Brooklyn	11	Boston	3
Cincinnati	5	Philadelphia	2
St. Louis	7	Chicago	2

Monday.

Chicago	5	Chicago	4
Chicago	7	New York	0
St. Louis	3	Brooklyn	2
Cincinnati	5	Philadelphia	2

Tuesday.

Chicago	2	New York	0
St. Louis	1	Philadelphia	2
Pittsburg	4	Philadelphia	0
Pittsburg	3	Boston	2

Wednesday.

Chicago	1	New York	2
St. Louis	2	Philadelphia	2
Pittsburg	1	Philadelphia	0
Pittsburg	4	Philadelphia	2

Thursday.

Chicago	2	New York	1
St. Louis	1	Philadelphia	2
Pittsburg	1	Philadelphia	0
Pittsburg	4	Philadelphia	2

Friday.

St. Louis	8	New York	2
Chicago	1	Brooklyn	3
Cincinnati	5	Boston	2

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

Saturday.

New York	4	Washington	2
New York	5	Washington	10
Boston	3	Philadelphia	1
Boston	2	Philadelphia	3

Sunday.

New York	4	Washington	2
Boston	3	Philadelphia	1
Boston	5	Philadelphia	3
Cleveland	6	St. Louis	11

Monday.

Boston	1	St. Louis	6
Boston	7	St. Louis	1
Detroit	0	Chicago	0

Tuesday.

New York	3	Chicago	5
Boston	4	St. Louis	1
Boston	5	St. Louis	1
Philadelphia	0	Cleveland	4

Wednesday.

Boston	4	St. Louis	2
Boston	1	Chicago	0
Philadelphia	1	Detroit	1
Philadelphia	2	Detroit	5

Thursday.

New York	10	St. Louis	7
Philadelphia	2	Detroit	4
Philadelphia	4	Detroit	5

Friday.

Chicago	4	Washington	2
Chicago	5	Washington	10
Boston	3	Philadelphia	1
Boston	2	Philadelphia	3

Saturday.

New York	4	Washington	2
New York	5	Washington	10
Boston	3	Philadelphia	1
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New York	4	Washington	2
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P. and O., \$91 b.

East Asia, \$84 7/8.

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Canton Ins., \$85 sa.

China Underwriters, \$1.80 n.

North China, \$1.145 n.

Unions, \$283

Yangtze, \$35 sa.

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China Fire, \$200 b.

Hongkong Fire, \$20 n.

Shipping.

Douglases, \$25 sa.

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Shel Trans, \$87 n.

Star Torries, \$97 n.

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Refineries.

China Sugars, \$24 n.

Malabons, \$36 b.

Mining.

Benguet, \$150 b.

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Shai Exploration, \$1.440 n.

Shanghai Loans, \$1.7 n.

Raub, \$43 b.

Tronols, \$71/- b.

Ural Caspian, \$7/- n.

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Kowloon Wharves, \$119 sa.

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Miscellaneous.

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Amusement, \$74 n.

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China Lights, \$19 b.

China Prov., \$3.30 b.

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DEATH OF MISS GERTRUDE BELL: A SECOND LADY HESTER STANHOPE.

Miss Gertrude Bell, Oriental secretary to the High Commissioner of Mesopotamia, died at Bagdad on June 12. She had been slightly unwell, but gave no signs till the 11th of a serious indisposition. She worked as usual and took her daily afternoon swim in the Tigris.

The newspapers emphasize the great loss which Mesopotamia has sustained in consequence of her rare knowledge and love of the Arab world.

Miss Gertrude L. Bell was one of the most astonishing women of the century. She was the daughter of Sir Hugh Bell, the ironmaster. Hunting, mountaineering, travel, and poetry, were the passions of her life. Her knowledge of the peoples of Asia Minor, Syria, and Arabia was profound. The British Government showed its appreciation of her powers by appointing her as political officer at Bagdad during the war.

She had unbounded influence over the natives, and her title of "Uncrowned Queen of Mesopotamia" showed the respect in which she was held.

They called her the "mystery woman" during the war because of her absence, often for months at a time, from Bagdad. She usually returned after these expeditions with an important State secret.

She was awarded the founder's medal of the Royal Geographical Society in 1918, was four times mentioned in despatches, and was a Commander of the Order of the British Empire.

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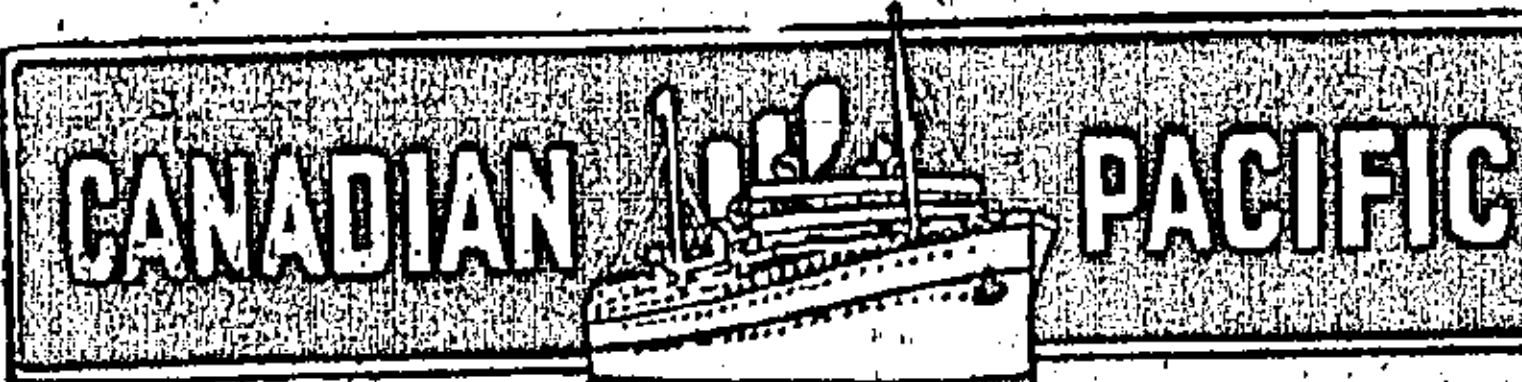
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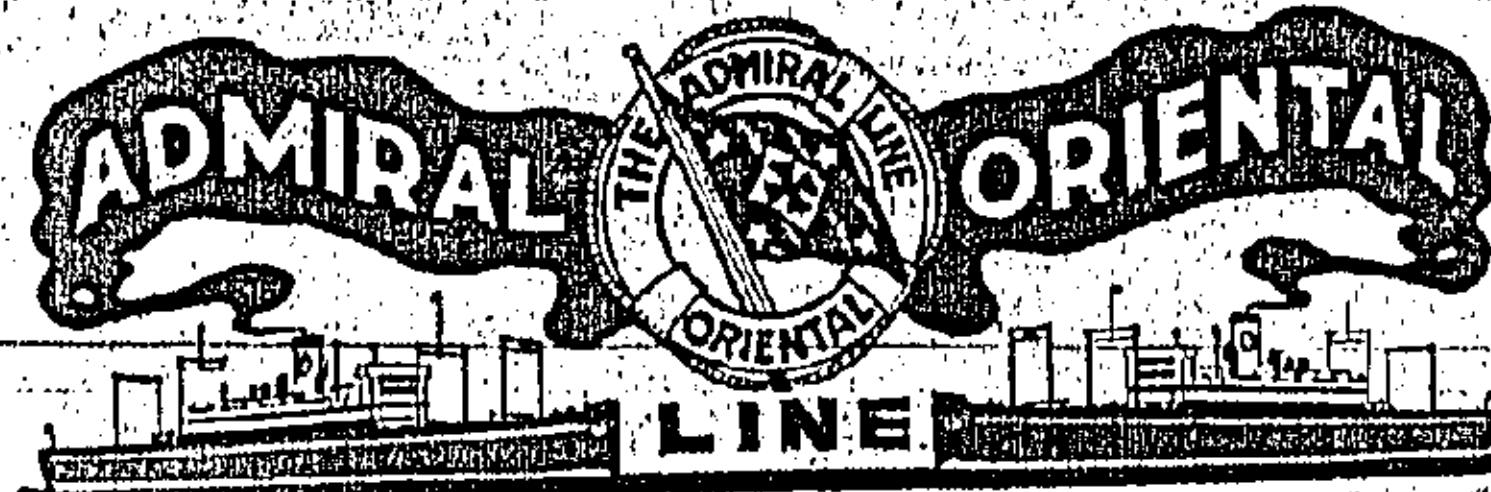
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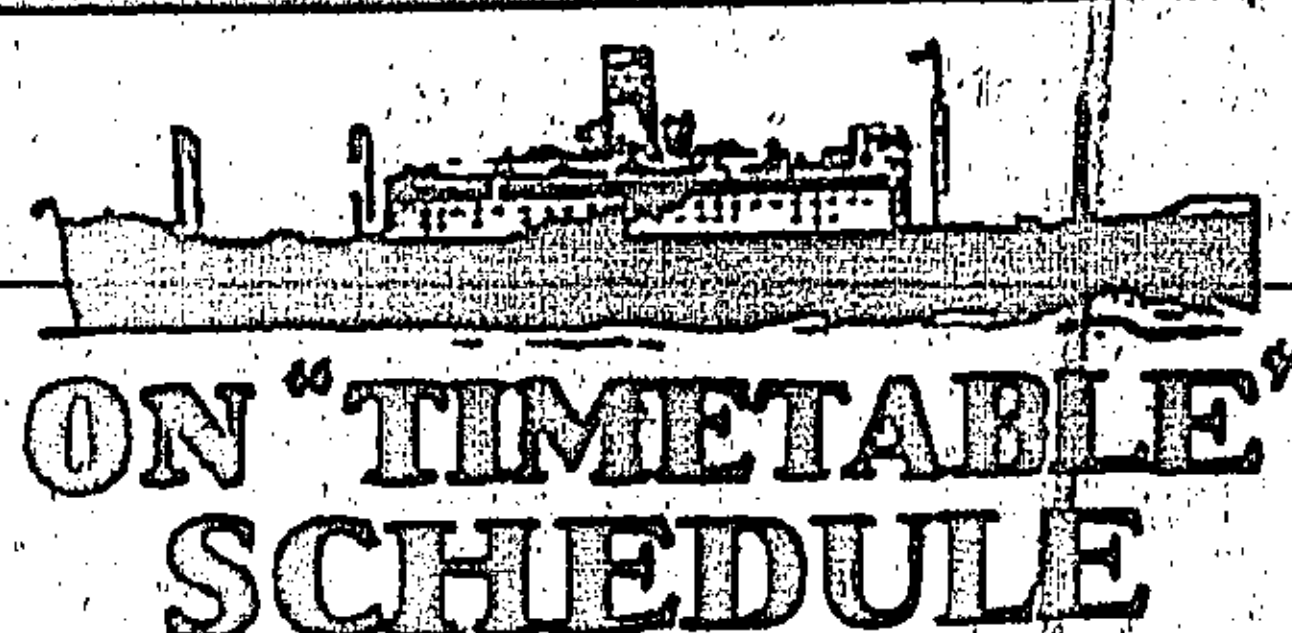
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Washington, Aug. 21. Rear-Admiral Moffatt, chief of the naval air service, has announced the plans during the fiscal year to purchase 282 airplanes to "cost" approximately \$312,000,000 for the naval air fleet. This programme is in addition to the five-year scheme for the aviation expansion already authorised. The new naval machines will consist of 100 fighters, 47 reconnaissance, 61 bombers and 74 instructional aeroplanes. It is expected that twenty-four firms will compete in flight tests for the selection of designs. *Reuter's American Service.*

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ROUMANIA'S QUEEN.

MAY VISIT THE UNITED STATES.

Washington, Aug. 21. Great interest is being shown in the report that Queen Marie of Rumania is about to formally visit the United States, although no official notification has been received. Two of her majesty's ladies in waiting, who have been writing to friends at the Rumanian Legation, state that the Queen is visiting Canada in October, and then the United States. *Reuter's American Service.*

THE COAL CRISIS.

PROSPECT STILL GLOOMY.

London, Aug. 21. Labour and political circles are very gloomy in regard to the prospects of a coal settlement. It is uncertain whether there will be a general drift back to work even if the miners in many districts conclude district agreements in response to fairly generous terms. Such a process must occupy weeks.

Significance is attached to the fact that the Safetymen's Union, which hitherto has refused to join in the stoppage, has been summoned to a meeting in London next week. Its membership is strongest in South Wales which is the most stubborn district.

The subject of a national agreement campaign which is being initiated by Mr. Cook and his colleagues is aimed at preventing local agreements in the sole hope of an early termination of the stoppage, and lies in the reassembling of Parliament on the 30th. Its business will be to confirm the emergency regulations, but it is not doubted that time will be given to a general coal discussion.

—*Reuter.*

Notts and Derby Break.

London, Aug. 21.

The breakaway of the Notts and Derbyshire miners continues. By noon a further ten thousand men had signed on to start work on Monday. Mr. Cook made an eleven-hour change in his weekend plans and rushed to the Midlands to attempt to check the breakaway.

Some of the collieries have a full quota of miners returned. The ponies were taken down and the pits are in readiness for resumption.

There were scenes of great enthusiasm in many villages at the prospect of the men resuming work.

A continuous stream of men are signing on in the Mansfield area. At one pit a queue of a hundred yards long had formed by nine in the morning. The men did not ask to see the terms in black and white but were anxious to sign on as quickly as possible. *—Reuter.*

KUOMINCHUN RETREAT.

WU LEAVES FOR FRONT.

In accordance with the recent announcement that he would proceed south when the Kuominchun was driven out of the passes, Wu Pei-fu left Changhsien at noon to-day, his immediate destination being Pootung but in view of the developments in Hunan it is expected that he will go on to Hupei with the least delay.

Chi Hsieh-yuan arrived at Changhsien yesterday and has taken over the command of the Chihliets in North China during Wu Pei-fu's absence. *—Reuter.*

Canton Victory Claimed.
 Hankow, August 20.
 General Tang Seng-chi's troops

OBITUARY.

MR. SERGE STEPANOFF.

We regret also to be called upon to announce the death of a respected colleague, Mr. Serge Stepanoff, a member of the *China Press* staff, which took place at the General Hospital, Shanghai, on the 14th inst. following a long fight against heart apoplexy, which was followed by paralysis and haemorrhage. Deceased was at one time an officer in General Wrangel's Army which was disbanded at Constantinople. He is survived by a young wife.

Serge Stepanoff was the well known caricaturist of *The China Press*.

Having struggled through the strain of the hottest weather Shanghai has known for many years, and while in imminent danger of death through heart apoplexy followed by paralysis and haemorrhage, Mr. Stepanoff lived practically a fortnight in an unconscious state only to die when the first cool breeze swept through the city, exactly two weeks after he was admitted to the hospital.

The late Mr. Stepanoff, who was still in his thirties, took to the work of a caricaturist in the manner born. His cartoons in *The China Press* always attracted attention and he was rapidly gaining fame for himself as an artist with a keen insight into the characteristics of all whom he pictured with his nimble pencil.

He leaves a wife to whom he was married only one year. Much sympathy is felt for her in her bereavement as she practically lived beside her husband's bedside during the whole time he was ill.

Mr. Stepanoff's work for the *S. C. M. Post* will be well remembered.

Mrs. F. W. Vanderbilt.

Paris, Aug. 21. The wife of Frederick William Vanderbilt died suddenly at the Hotel Ritz from complications following an operation for appendicitis. *Reuter's American Service.*

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FLIGHT ROUND SOUTH AMERICA.

Washington, Aug. 21.

It is learned that the War Department is sending five Army aeroplanes on a flight round South America this year. Officials decline to discuss the details. *Reuter's American Service.*

have broken through the Allies' right flank on the Hunan front. Three train loads of Allied troops have arrived at Yochow in a disorderly condition.

The front extends from Pengkiang to Tungting Lake, and is held by several brigades under the command of Sung Tse-pai, in the centre, Yeh Kai-shin on the right flank, and various subordinates on the left flank. The right flank, which rests on Tungting Lake, is supported by several gunboats. *—Reuter.*

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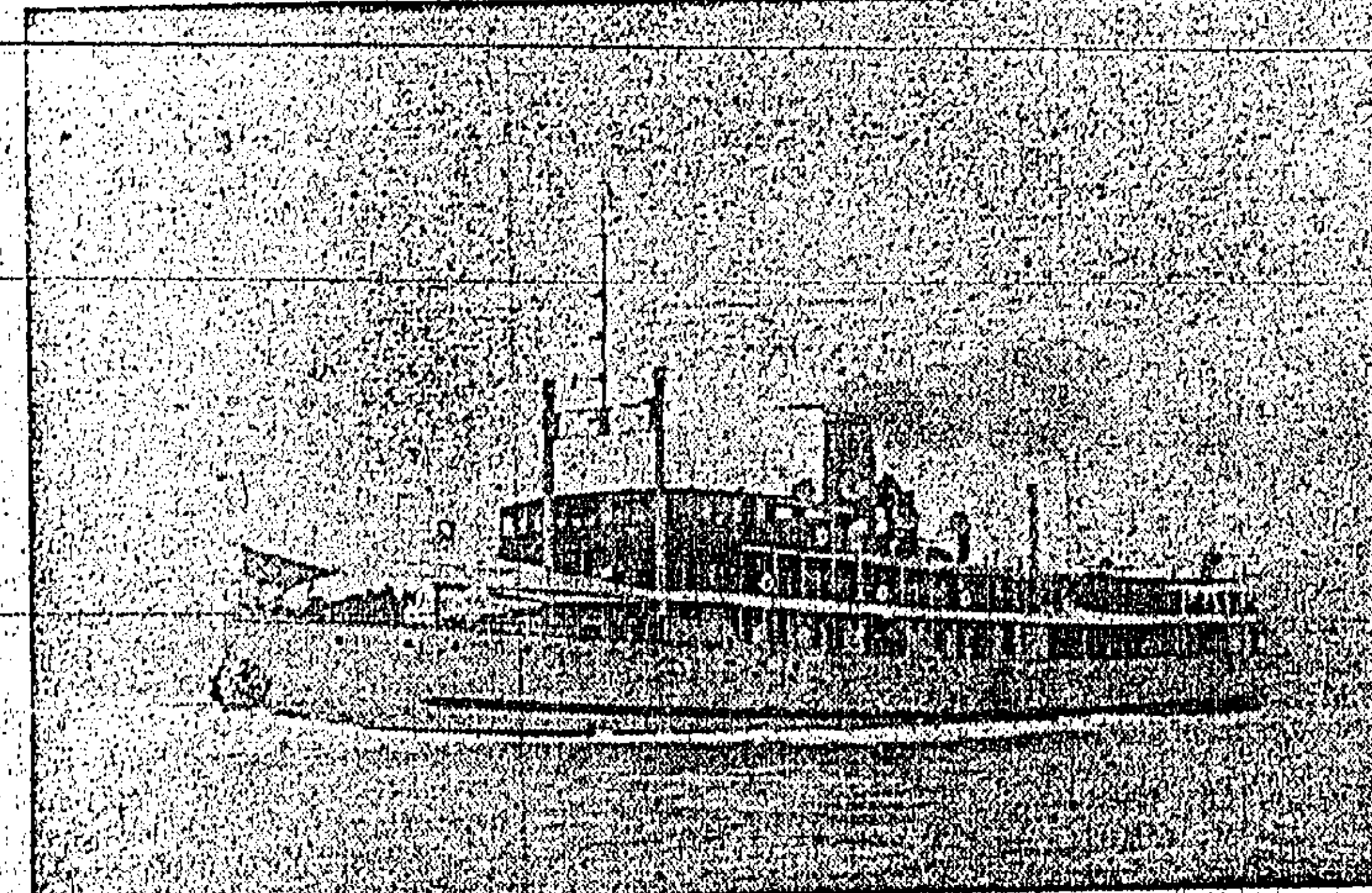
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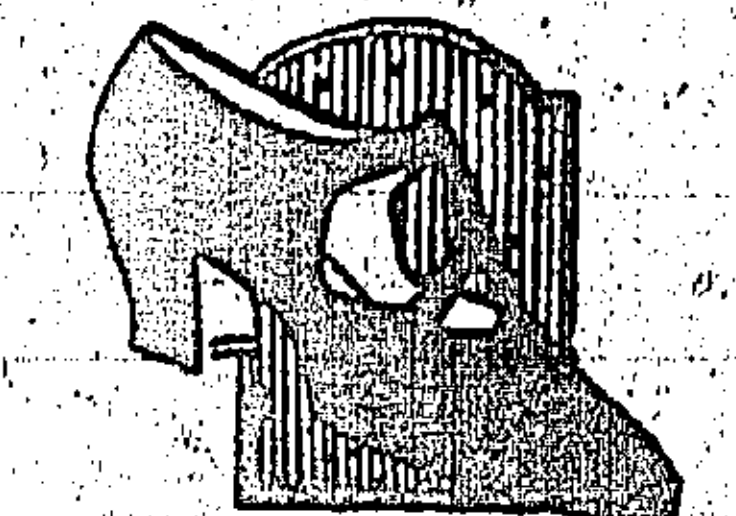
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PRAYA SHOOTING.

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not disputed. He (Mr. Dyer Ball) would have to satisfy the Court that the shot he fired was the one which killed the man, and he did not think they would have much difficulty in coming to that conclusion. It was for the jury to decide whether the act of the man, in firing the shot under the circumstances, was sufficient to convict him of manslaughter.

Further evidence would be furnished by two watchmen who arrived on the scene after hearing shouts and whistles. The first watchman spoke to the constable on the boat, but he made no reply until he walked ashore. He then told the watchman that he had seen several flour-bags full of stuff and suspected it of being contraband, and that on his approach the bags were put on a sampan which made off. He shouted and blew his whistle and as they did not stop he fired five shots, two high, and three low, at a range of a hundred yards. An interesting point was a statement that a man in a white coat was on the Praya and he gave a hissing noise as if he were making some kind of signal.

The constable went back and made a report to No. 7 Police Station and handed in his revolver, when it was found to contain five empty cartridge cases, and one live round. The bullet found in the dead man's body was the same as that used in the prisoner's revolver, and would fit one of the empty cases.

The case was difficult and interesting, said Mr. Dyer Ball. The man had apparently fired five shots without knowing he had killed anybody. If they were satisfied that the prisoner had killed the man without knowing that he had done so, it made no difference at all.

THE LAW.

Referring to the law on the subject, Mr. Dyer Ball said that it was clearly distinguished what was justifiable homicide and homicide which was not justified. The law said that if a person whom an officer or a private person were legally attempting to arrest upon a charge of treason, felony, or inflicting a dangerous wound, fled, and could not be otherwise arrested, he might be killed and the homicide was justifiable. On the other hand, if the charge upon which the arrest was sought to be made was only a misdemeanour, the killing by the officer was murder if done intentionally, or done with a weapon likely to kill, but only manslaughter if death was unintentional, and done by a weapon not likely to cause death.

The Crown contended that the case came under the latter heading. They did not say it was murder, as they could not prove that. The point was that the prisoner fired, not with the intention of deliberately killing any particular person, but with the intention of stopping the boat, and they maintained that that was manslaughter.

The Crown would also ask the jury to find that there was no reasonable belief in the constable's mind such as would justify him firing, or that there was any resistance or evasion which would have justified him, and that the constable exceeded

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the liberty which the law gave him in cases of that kind and was therefore liable to the penalty for doing so.

Certain instructions given to constables with regard to shooting had been put in evidence, and no doubt they would hear more about that later.

PRISONER'S STATEMENT.

Mr. Dyer Ball then proceeded to read the prisoner's statement made at the Central Magistracy before Mr. R. E. Lindell, when the enquiry into the circumstances surrounding the shooting were investigated. This was to the effect that he saw some men by the Ping On wharf, and he heard someone call out "Police coming!" He saw three or four men carrying what looked like bags of sacks, and tins on poles. He saw the stuff put into the sampan, and although he shouted to them to stop, they pushed off. He shouted more than ten times and threatened to fire, but they kept on their way. He fired to frighten the people to make them return. He had not intended to hit anyone on board, and at the time did not know a man had been shot.

He had been instructed as to when he was entitled to fire, and he was a bad shot with a revolver. He had no reason to fear the men and only suspected smuggling. He suspected arms were being smuggled.

Evidence of a post-mortem examination on the body of the dead man was given by Dr. J. R. Craig, Medical Officer of the Government Mortuary, who identified the bullet produced as the one taken from the body. The bullet lodged in the left hip-bone. Death was due to shock and haemorrhage caused through a gun shot. He added that he did not think the man's life would have been saved had he been attended to on the spot.

The case is proceeding.

DARING PIRACY.

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staged, Mr. C. H. Kew with some of the ladies of the party being the only persons on board. Mr. F. W. Kew and others had not returned from the fishing expedition. Five pirates, all armed, boarded the Paracels, and robbed the ladies and Mr. Kew of practically everything valuable, including rings, watches and ear-rings. Many miscellaneous articles were taken, including fittings of the boat, a mah jongg set and even shaving materials. The value of the haul-off this boat is estimated at \$1,000.

LAUNCH STOLEN.

Meanwhile, the other steam launch, then Chung Wo, had been boarded but there was only the Chinese crew aboard. These were intimidated and forced to hand over parts of the machinery and a supply of coal. All the pirates then boarded the Wing Shing and, taking the crew with them, steamed away in the direction of Lappa and Macao. They had raided and robbed two motor boats, one steam launch and had stolen a launch for themselves.

The fifth boat of the party, the motor boat Nuff Sed, had gone a considerable distance round the adjacent headland and knew nothing of what had taken place until those on board were warned by Mr. D. E. Cavalho.

A SWIM IN THE DARK.

Mr. and Mrs. Barnes and Mr. and Mrs. Carvalho were all this while, still out fishing in sampans, and on returning to where they had left the anchored boats found the two steam launches alongside each other, with all lights out. Their suspicions were aroused and as they approached the launches they were shouted at that they would be shot at if they came nearer. When about 15 yards off the launches, one man in the stern of the launch, fired a shot at them. The man could be distinctly seen in the light of the torch which Mr. Carvalho was using. The sampans then stood off and eventually Mr. and Mrs. Barnes and Mrs. Carvalho were put aboard the motor boat Paracels, while Mr. Carvalho went ashore for the purpose of getting over the headland and warning the party on the Nuff Sed. He had a hazardous journey overland, being headed off by two men who were obviously working in with the pirates, and eventually had to slip into the sea and swim out to the Nuff Sed—some 400 yards away. It was whilst he was telling those on board the Nuff Sed of the raid, that the launch Wing Shing was seen to be steaming away in the direction of Macao. The Nuff Sed then went round the headland and joined the remainder of the party.

THE PARTY RETURNS.

The party immediately set about returning and reporting what had happened. The Chung Wo was able to proceed under her own steam, because the pirates had not been given really essential part of the engine, and the disabled motor boat Paracels was towed by the Nuff Sed. The motor boat Amy proceeded to Castle Peak and made a report to the Police Station. The party reached Hongkong in the early hours of Sunday morning and full reports were made yesterday to the Water Police, who are pursuing investigations.

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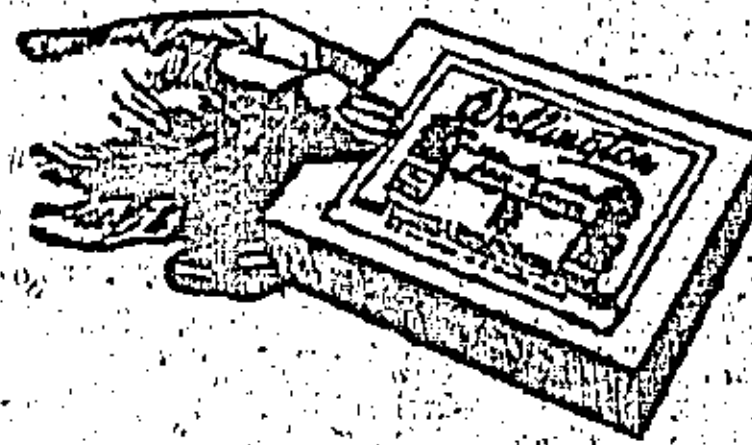
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In relating their experiences, members of the party tell of a bonfire which they noticed on the hills above Tai O, and it is thought that this was a pre-arranged signal in connection with the raid.

A HUE AND CRY.

On enquiry at official quarters to-day we learn that the launch Wing Shing has not yet been discovered. The Hongkong authorities have got into touch with the authorities at Canton and every endeavour is being made to find trace of the missing launch. The British naval authorities are co-operating in the search and all gunboats on the rivers have been warned to keep a strict look-out.

The description of the launch is as follows:—"Dark brown body, One yellow funnel, with black top."

OFFICIAL POLICE REPORT.

The official police report of the affair contains the statements made by the various members of the party and bears out the story given above. The pirates made their raid between eight and nine o'clock on Saturday evening, and only took about one half hour to do the whole of the work. They forced the master of the launch Chung Wo to hand over a compass, the launch whistle and two copper rings, which they obviously thought would cripple the launch, but which were not vital parts. They also took about two tons of coal off the launch.

The men, who were young men, were dressed in dark clothing and spoke Cantonese. They all wore bandoliers full of cartridges.

RABINDRANATH TAGORE IN VIENNA.

THE SPIRITUAL UNION OF EUROPE.

Vienna, July 14.

Rabindranath Tagore has come to Vienna for a second visit; he was here for the first time in June, 1921. He is in the company of his son, his friend, Professor Mahalanobis, and the professor's wife. He is still in a very fragile state, but he spoke to the youths of Vienna, and also read some of his favourite poems. He is at present working at a volume of poems in the Bengalese language, which, however, will not be translated.

Discussing the Pan-European idea, he said the political union of European countries did not seem to him so important as was generally believed. In truth, he said, union had already been achieved. The stronger coming from another part of the globe felt amazed at the unity of the Continent in spirit and culture. Work had to be continued in that direction. Political union seemed to him impossible for some time to come.

A reception by the Federal President, Dr. Hainisch, and by the Education Ministry is planned. Tagore will proceed from here to Prague before returning to India.

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